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AUSSIE COAL STRIKE ENDS Miners Vote To Return To Work By Big Margin BLOW FOR COMMUNISTS

Sydney, August 10

The seven-week-old Communist-led Australian coal strike collapsed today when miners throughout the country voted to return to work by more than two to one. The vote was 5,403 to 2,343.

Acting President R. Hamilton of the Miners Federation said the Federation's Central Council would meet on Friday or Saturday to issue a back to work order.

It was the first time in Australian labour history that the rank and file of the Miners Union rejected proposals of their leaders.

Communist leaders of the strike had insisted that miners remain out until the government met their full demands for wage increases, long-term vacations and nationalisation of the industry. In Tasmania, the voting was 200 against and two for. The

Army Minister, Cyril Chamberlain, said: "The miners vote is a clear victory for the Government policy of arbitration."

Senator John Armstrong, Commonwealth Minister for Supply, said: "It is a knockout blow for the Communist leaders."

It was only a matter of time before the vote in a democratic way to end the strike, the Senator said.

Although only 23,000 miners were on strike, lack of coal paralysed all Australia, causing industrial shut-downs that threw an estimated 750,000 persons out of work. Electric and gas services were drastically rationed. In the middle of the most severe winter Australia has seen for years, bringing hardship to the entire country.

The government authorities refused to meet the miners' demands, charging that the strike was a political manoeuvre by the Australian Communist Party.

Calwell's Speech

The government Information Minister, Mr. A. Calwell, in a recent speech, pledged the government would break the strike first and "wipe out" the Australian Communist party later.

Earlier, the Fuel Minister, Mr. William Forde, said that there was no possibility of an assurance being given that Servicemen would be withdrawn from the mines, particularly from the open-cast fields.

"It will be necessary to use soldiers in the open-cast side by side with civilian employees when the miners return to work," he said.

A closed meeting of striking miners in the Australian North Western coalfield was reported today to have called a conference for Thursday to consider forming a new union pledged to end the six-week-old strike immediately. A 24-hour ultimatum to accept night overtime or be dismissed was issued to the Auckland branch of the Waterside Workers' Union today by the Port of Auckland.

land Shipping and Stevedores' Association.

Failing an assurance from the Union by 3.30 p.m. tomorrow that normal overtime hours will be worked, waterfront work will cease at Auckland.

For seven weeks Auckland waterfront workers have refused overtime. —United Press and Reuter.

John Haigh Executed For Murder

London, August 10

John Haigh, a black hood over his head, blotted out the rarely beautiful August morning, was hanged by the neck until he was dead today in the yard of Wandsworth Prison.

Haigh, who confessed he killed nine persons, drank their blood and burned their bodies in acid, died at about 9 a.m. Only officials saw the execution.

Haigh's execution ended a career of murder, unmatched in England since Jack the Ripper roamed the streets of London slaying and roasting women in 1888. He was hanged for the murder of Mrs. Olive Durand Deacon, for which he was found guilty in a lightning quick trial last month.

At his trial Haigh pleaded insanity. Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, his attorney, argued he was a victim of paranoia who could not tell reality from dreams. Sir David said Haigh dreamed of cups of blood he could not reach until he killed one of his victims and drank the blood.

The Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, ripping the defence to bits, showed that Haigh possessed several thousand pounds from selling the property of his victims, and that he twice before had served prison terms for fraud. —United Press.

SCAP Trade Regulations Relaxed

Tokyo, August 10

Japanese exporters now are allowed to make contracts with agents abroad to handle marketing, SCAP announced.

Payments to agents will be made from foreign exchange credits accumulated on export sales. Japanese exporters have been permitted to draw on a specified percentage of profits from sales abroad for the purpose of stimulating Japan's export business. The percentage of earnings which may be devoted to such purposes is from three to 10 per cent, depending on the material exported.

Permission to appoint foreign agents is extended only to exporters of Japanese goods and not to banks, insurance or shipping companies or any other type of business operation.

SCAP some time ago granted approval to a plan by which Japanese businesses might use a percentage of their profits to send their own commercial representatives abroad. Each case requires SCAP approval, the determining factor being whether such travel abroad is likely to promote Japan's foreign trade.

A recent SCAP report pointed out that 49 Japanese have been permitted to travel abroad for commercial purposes since last year. Forty-seven of them, Japanese have gone to other countries as technical advisers to SCAP delegates or observers at international conferences.

Most Japanese commercial travellers have been sponsored by SCAP from the commercial accounts with the aim of stimulating purchases of Japanese goods in foreign markets. —Associated Press.

HARRY DAVENPORT DIES AT 83

Hollywood, August 10

Harry Davenport, famous character actor of the stage and screen for 70 years, died of a heart attack today. He was 83 years old.

A member of one of three most illustrious during families, he traced his lineage back to Jack Johnson, famous actor of the 18th century. —United Press.

The Weather

At 1000 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) the tropical storm centred about 500 miles N of Manila is moving N or NW. Pressure remains low over SW China and Tonkin and relatively high over Japan and the Eastern Sea.

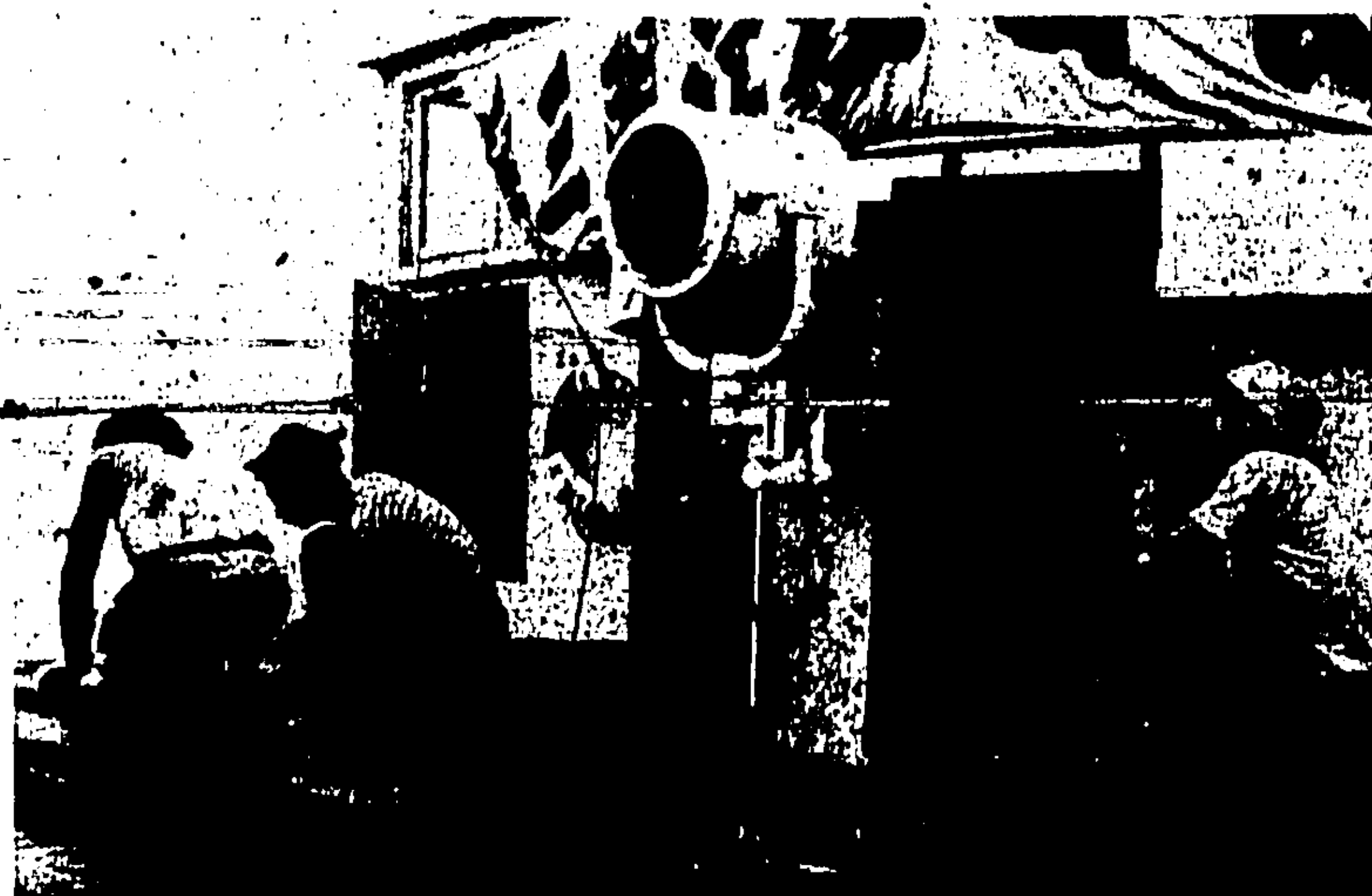
Today's Forecast: Light or moderate variable winds. Cloudy with rain at times.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 88.8 deg. F. Minimum: 79.0 deg. F. Sunshine: 01 hour. Rainfall: 14.7 mm. — 59.41 in. Total since Jan. 1—1280.4 mm. — 50.41 in. as against an average of 1488.3 mm. — 59.41 in.

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Protection For River Vessels



Workmen busy aboard the Chinese river motor vessel Kwai Shan putting up extra steel plates to protect the bridge and erecting a gun turret. — "China Mail" Photo.

Shopkeepers Revolt Against Govt Price Cut

London, August 10

Some 250,000 British shopkeepers revolted today against the government-ordered five per cent price cut in clothing and shoes.

Representatives of the shopkeepers urged all British retail merchants to ignore the government order.

Shopkeepers voted to maintain their present prices "unless the government consulted them before the price-reducing order becomes effective next month."

The resolution accused the Labour government of ordering a price reduction as a political manoeuvre at the sole expense of retail traders.

The protest, coming amidst an increasingly aggressive Conservative Party election campaign charging the Labour government with mismanagement, would be certain to embarrass the government even further.

Mr. Bernard Morgan, chairman of the National Chamber of Trade, which organised the protest meeting, was loudly cheered when he declared: "We are witnesses to a disgraceful example of political manoeuvre of the worst kind."

"The president of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson has embarked on a course of action to meet the wishes of one section of the community at the expense of another."

The government ordered reductions on July 28 without consulting retailers. The reductions covered clothing, shoes and textiles.

Shopkeepers overrode legal objections by leaders of the Chamber of Trade and voted down a milder protest against the government order. The milder protest asked the Board of Trade to reopen negotiations with representatives of shop-owners before implementing the order.

The shopkeepers' action came as the Conservative Party issued a pamphlet charging the Labour government lost more than \$280,000,000 on nationalised industries in two years. The pamphlet also charged that Britain had the highest peace-time taxation rate in the world under the Labour government. —United Press.

Local Campaign Against River Pirates Drawn Up

The battle against Pearl River and West River pirates who are terrorising river shipping is now under way with the shipping firms determined to fight it out.

A three-fold campaign is believed to have been agreed upon by Chinese shipping companies to combat the sea brigands—to enlist aid from the Chinese Navy, to band-together and sail through the danger areas in convoy, and to install extra protective equipment aboard the vessels.

Gun turrets, extra guards and armaments, steel plates fortification and sand-bag barriers along decks are being constructed aboard vessels plying on the Hong Kong-Canton and Hong Kong-Kowloon routes.

This is the first direct answer to the series of abortive piracies since the beginning of the month in the Pearl River and West River when seven local river vessels, including the British motor vessel Wusueh, were attacked from the shore within a period of 24 hours.

"We will continue operating our ships on regular schedules in the meantime. The extra precautionary measures are only serving as a sort of a test. But more stringent steps will be taken to wipe out the pirates," a senior official of a prominent Chinese concern operating two vessels on the Hong Kong-Kowloon service declared, when approached last evening.

The official candidly admitted having been informed that the firm had received a HK\$20,000 demand by letter in Canton.

"But this is not a new story," he asserted.

It was reliably learned that aid from the Canton Pacification Headquarters will primarily include extra naval patrol of the danger areas. Should this prove to be futile or too dangerous, armed outposts will be stationed along the banks to keep vigilance.

A China Coast veteran explained the present situation which confronts river shipping: "Five minutes after a ship leaves the Canton Quarantine Bay at an average speed of 10 knots, she will enter the first danger zone," the veteran said.

Pirate-Infested

"The terrain on both banks is hilly and shrubby. Pirates infest this area and attack shipping under darkness with great advantage."

"It takes an hour to navigate through this channel before a safety zone is reached."

"Along the banks there are villages, which apparently provide security to shipping."

"Half an hour of travelling through this point brings the ship into the most dangerous spot in the Canton route running to Bocca Tigris."

"It takes about 90 minutes of 10-knot speed to get through. Once the Bocca Tigris is passed, the ship can take it easy, but only from short attacks," he related.

"Pirates sometimes resort to amphibious attacks around the Bocca Tigris area," he declared. "Several local vessels cleared port last night for Canton, and Kowloon."

"There has been a very negligible decrease in the number of

people leaving the Colony as a result of the recent attacks," he remarked.

Turret Erected

Aboard the Kwai Shan yesterday labourers were erecting a gun turret. Steel plates were placed around the bridge as additional protection.

Sandbags were placed along the main deck from where the ship guards will keep vigilance. Steel plates are being placed around the superstructure to protect the cabins.

The Kwai Shan left for Kowloon last night with about 150 passengers.

In certain river vessels, similar precautions are taken.

"We have placed extra steel plates and sand bags on the Wusueh," said a senior official of Butterfield and Swire, agents for the British river motor vessel which was attacked last week-end. "It's not new. We are just putting the vessel back to her old form when she was operating in the Yangtze during the early 30s," he added.

ARRESTED SUSPECTS

In connection with a recent piracy of a Canton-Hong Kong run steamer, several suspected persons have been arrested for the alleged crime, it was learned last night.

The suspected persons are being detained by the water police for inquiries in connection with the piracy.

A quantity of Chinese medicine was seized from a certain godown in Kennedy Town by the police. The medicine, it is alleged, is part of the cargo looted by the alleged suspects.

Gloom Reigns In Canton As Govt Ready To Leave

Canton, August 10.

Gloom reigns among Nationalist officials in Canton.

Only a few weeks ago, they thought something might still be done to turn the tide against the Reds. Today, even the most optimistic of them have only the gravest forebodings over the future.

The question now is a simple one. How long will Canton remain the seat of the Nationalist Government? Estimates range from three to six weeks.

There is haste in the manner in which official archives are being packed for the long road back to Chungking, the war-time capital from which only a little more than three years ago Chiang Kai-shek and his government triumphantly returned to Nanking.

Every day now finds many old familiar faces missing. Some have gone to Chungking, others to Taipei, capital of Taiwan.

Under present plans, the seat of the government will be established in Chungking; but the reins will be held by Chiang Kai-shek at Taipei. Everyone knows that.

Several foreign firms in Canton have closed down rather than face the uncertainties of doing business under Communist rule. Bigger firms, like the Standard-Vacuum, Caltex and Shell oil companies, are planning to keep representatives here, but their women folk have been or are being evacuated.

Most of the different embassy offices in Canton intend to close before the Reds come, but the various consulates, such as the American, British, French, and Dutch, will remain here.

There will probably be fewer correspondents in Canton, too, than there were either in Peiping or Shanghai. Those who plan to leave are ready to go almost at a moment's notice.

By the time the Reds are at Canton's door, only a skeleton government will still be here. Present plans call for the government to remain as long as possible, but every one foresees the day, not long hence, when the remaining officials will motor out to the White Cloud, or Milky Way airfields and take off, briefcases in hand.

Many non-official Chinese are between the devil and the deep blue sea. They don't know what to do. If they lack the means to take refuge in Hong Kong, Macao or any other safer place, it means staying in Canton and risking the perils of war—if the Nationalists fight for the city—and the hazards of business afterwards.

Hard Choice

To many officials, too, the choice is a hard one. Some see Chungking as simply another stop-over in the road to a complete Nationalist collapse and wonder whether it would not be better to stay in Canton and get it over with.

Reds Bring Up Reinforcements

Canton, August 10.

Chinese Communists threw fresh forces into a fierce battle on the approaches to Canton today.

The Kiangsi Provincial Government fled Kanhien, only 215 miles from Canton.

The big battle raged North West of Kanhien, in South Central Kiangsi, perhaps 50 or 60 miles from Canton's Kwangtung Province.

Kiangsi's Provincial Government officials moved the capital to Hweichang, 50 miles South East of Kanhien. —Associated Press.

One official, a non-partisan from way back, said sadly: "I don't know what to do. I can't see any future with the Nationalists—or the Communists."

Nationalist sympathisers see little in the future to encourage them. They dismiss talk of a second front, or a big counter-offensive, as just so much idle talk, and no one sees any prospect of General Pui Chung-wei, Nationalist commander of Central China, turning the tables on the Reds.

And as the military situation worsens, the last flickering hopes of American aid, already almost extinguished, are becoming dimmer and dimmer.

It's a sad day for Canton, one of the saddest since the legendary giant, riding through space on five rams, landed here about 300 B.C. and founded this historic city. —Associated Press.

TROPICAL STORM NEAR GUIUAN

Manila, August 10.

A tropical storm this morning was located 270 miles East of Surigao Strait and was moving toward Samar.

The bureau said the storm was moving North West at six m.p.h. and is expected to be centred 100 miles East of Guiuan at 8 p.m. today.

It said maximum winds of 55 m.p.h. are expected near the centre. —United Press.



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Reds Not To Embarrass Hong Kong After Fall Of Canton, Sources State

(By A "China Mail" Special Correspondent)

Personalia

The passengers who left Hong Kong by the m/s. Ruys for South Africa and South America yesterday included Mr. S. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. A. Crawford, Dr. and Mrs. F. Pradot, Mrs. Senba P. W. Seng, Mrs. L. Wong and children and Mrs. Chen Keh-chi.

Departures for Singapore yesterday by the m/s. Szechuen included Miss S. Johnson, Mr. Peter Mason, Mr. A. J. Courtney, Mr. W. Courtney and Mr. D. P. Crawford.

Departures on Tuesday from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Souder, Mr. and Mrs. V. Young, Messrs. M. Groll, W. E. Fehle, Lodi Baer, M. A. Kian, W. A. Bishop, F. Coveney, M. J. Chen, Q. Tcho, J. G. Fanning, L. C. Nordon, P. K. Mei, S. F. Pryor, J. R. Laughlin, F. Franklin, T. H. Gillett, L. G. Barker, Y. L. Chung, T. Loy, M. L. Gordon, and F. J. Lagerman.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Freeman, Captain and Mrs. D. D. Garden, Mrs. B. Bernier, Captain and Mrs. W. Little, Messrs. Sing Sen-mok, W. R. Vance, T. F. Taylor, W. N. Jardine, C. Fonseca, H. E. Hacking, W. Zadra, Y. C. Ma, and R. H. A. Conopher.

Mr. R. A. McLaren, President of the Pacific Transport Lines, Inc., has completed his annual tour of the Far East on behalf of his company and to assist in building up trade across the Pacific.

"Leaders in all walks of life," Mr. McLaren summed up, "look forward to an increasing economy in the Orient and slowly improving trade with the Pacific Coast."

Mr. McLaren had visited Japan, Hong Kong, and the Philippine Islands.

WU TE-CHEN FOR TAIPEI

General Wu Te-chen, Minister without Portfolio in the Chinese Nationalist Government, left for Taipei by CATC Convair plane yesterday with Madame Wu.

General Wu is going to Taipei to receive last-minute instructions from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. After a stop-over of two days the General will proceed to Tokyo to confer with General Douglas MacArthur on the situation in the Far East.

At Kai Tak to see General and Madame Wu off were their sons Messrs. Wu Tze-chang, Wu Yung-lin and Kuomintang Party members.

CATC LINE TO TIHWA

The remote city of Tihwa (Urumbi) in Sinkiang will be linked again with Central China by a regular air route by the middle of the month, when CATC will temporarily resume its Lanchow-Tihwa route.

Flights will be conducted every two weeks between Lanchow and Tihwa. The line, which was suspended earlier in the year due to fuel shortage in the area.

WEDDINGS

The wedding of Karl Otto Gustafsson, missionary, of 33 Granville Road, and Frida Livina Danielsson, took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday in the presence of Mr. Munro and Gustav Nyström.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Sergeant Ian Munro Bell, of Stanley Fort, and Corporal Molly Myra Ratze, of 39 Macdonnell Road; William Alexander Grata, of 41 Kings Road, and Ylleana Eldora Soares, typist, of 25 Ashley Road.

It is unlikely that the Chinese Communists will try to embarrass the Colony of Hong Kong—at least temporarily—once they occupy the capital of Kwangtung, according to informed sources.

Complete evacuation of the Nationalist Government seat is expected to be completed in two weeks.

European Woman Fined \$10

Mrs. Barbara Harris, came before Mr. J. Hicks at Kowloon Court yesterday on a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner while drinking at the T. and P. Police Station, Kowloon, on August 9, 1949.

An original charge of a similar offence alleged to have taken place at Hapkwai Road, was withdrawn by the prosecution.

Defendant pleaded guilty. DSJ J. Hicks, prosecuting, told the Court that at 12.30 am. on August 9 he was called to the Charge Room and was informed that defendant wished to lay a complaint.

He told the lady who he was and she began to tell him a story. When she began he formed the impression that she was under the influence of liquor. Her speech was incoherent, her breath reeked of liquor and she struck the taxi driver on the face in his presence.

She then alleged that the taxi-driver had tried to assault her by kissing her in the ear.

The prosecuting officer said that he then suggested that she go to the Kowloon Hospital as her left elbow was bleeding.

She was certified to be drunk by a medical officer at the Hospital.

Inspector Hicks continued that defendant was from Shanghai and is now living at the Seamen's Institute as a refugee, whom she has not seen since 1939. She held a good position in Shanghai, owning a wireless shop in partnership with her brother.

He said that defendant hopes to go back to England to rejoin her husband soon.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Decision Awaited

The Governor's decision whether an inquiry into the sinking of the British Hong Kong-Macao cargo vessel Tai Fung will be held or not is being awaited.

It is rumoured that the master of the craft, which sank within 20 minutes after striking submerged rocks at dawn on August 3 near Cheung Chau Lighthouse en route from the Portuguese colony to Hong Kong, has submitted his reports to the Marine Department.

One passenger was drowned as a result of the accident. Survivors of the ill-fated vessel were picked up by two river vessels plying on the same route which arrived in time.

COOLIE UP ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Pun Tim Fat, aged 27, coolie, of 138 Connaught Road West, third floor, was given the option of a fine of \$20 or 14 days in prison at Central yesterday.

It was stated that at 11.30 p.m. on July 28, defendant assaulted Cheung Man-shing, because the latter objected to defendant and others boarding a ship belonging to the Shun and Company without tickets.

During the assault complainant lost his watch and felt hat.



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As the Chinese Communists are in need of raw materials which can be obtained from Hong Kong, it is expected that they will endeavour to maintain friendly relations with the Colony.

Some believe that following the fall of Canton, Britain will recognize the new de facto government and accord it full recognition when the proposed Coalition Government is officially inaugurated on October 10 at Peking.

General P. Chung-hsi, Nationalist Commander-in-Chief in Central China, may not put up a fight against the advancing Communist armies especially following the release of the American Xinhua Paper which has alleged all hope of further American aid to China.

Some observers are of the opinion that America will take over Taiwan from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek immediately following the capture of Canton by the Communists.

The military situation of the Nationalists has become precarious following the defection of General Cheng Chien, former Governor of Hunan, and General Chen Ming-jai, the new Governor who controlled the area.

General P. Chung-hsi might soon be forced to abandon defence, North of Hengyang.

The main question today is whether or not General P. Chung-hsi will make a stand for a decisive battle or continue the withdrawals of his troops.

Current indications are that he will withdraw gradually into Kwangsi, his native province.

Latest reports show that the Chinese Communist armies are attacking in three directions.

Communist General Lin Piao's men are driving along the Canton-Hankow railway, apparently with Hengshan as their objective.

General Liu Po-cheng's forces are heading for Kanchow; and General Chen Yi's troops are aiming for Amoy and Foochow.

Observers here forecast the evacuation of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops to Taiwan should General P. Chung-hsi continue the withdrawal of his forces.

The success of such evacuation, presumably through Amoy, will name the Nationalist Government.

All Nationalist Government departments, except the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will be evacuated to Chungking. The Foreign Affairs Ministry will be moved to Taiwan, and the Kwangtung Provincial Government will probably transfer to Hainan Island.

Three-Month Sentence For Driving Under Influence Of Drink

Mr. Blair-Kerr, magistrates at Kowloon, yesterday imposed a sentence of three months' imprisonment without the option of a fine, on Wong Shu-kan, aged 30, a No. 1 ship builder of 491 Chatham Road, third floor.

Wong was found guilty on charges of driving without due care and attention, failing to report after an accident, and driving under the influence of drink.

The case came to light when a cyclist, Siu Chung-sing, was knocked down by defendant's car near Ma Tau Wai Road, on the night of August 3. Siu suffered injuries, and was detained in hospital for more than a week.

Sub-Inspector Ross, prosecuting, stated that at about 9 p.m. on August 3, defendant was driving private car HK968 along Chatham Road towards Kowloon City. When near Ma Tau Wai Road, defendant's car collided with a cyclist who was proceeding in the same direction

about six feet from the left kerb. The cyclist's head struck the left kerb and suffered injuries.

The prosecution stated that defendant stopped his car for a while after he had knocked down the cyclist, and then drove off at a high speed. Later, a report of the accident was circulated to all police stations.

After the accident the number plate of defendant's car was picked up on the road side. Later, at about 10.40 p.m. defendant was arrested by traffic police at the junction of Jordan Road and Nathan Road. He was brought to Hing Hom Police Station, and later, he was taken to the Kowloon Hospital. Medical examination revealed that defendant was under the influence of alcohol.

Defendant admitted in Court that he had a previous conviction for driving under the influence of liquor.

The complainant told the Court that he was a casual coolie at the Kowloon Wharf, and earned wages of \$4 per day. He had no family to support.

Dr. P. Chow, of Kowloon Hospital, said that complainant was suffering from severe laceration of the head and face. It would require half a month for Siu to recover completely.

Defendant was ordered to pay compensation of \$150 to complainant.

At order that defendant be disqualified for 12 months from holding or obtaining a driving licence, was also imposed.

DEFENDANT REMANDED

Mrs. Bertha Pears of 4, Knight Street, ground floor, was arraigned before Mr. J. Hicks at Kowloon Court yesterday on three charges of reading obscene literature, namely, William Shakespeare's "Loves Labour's Lost," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "Twelfth Night."

Defendant was remanded by Mr. Hicks to the next sitting of the Court, to be arraigned on the same charges.

TENANCY CASE HEARD AT SUPREME COURT

An action for a declaration that any right of title possessed by plaintiff and defendant in the tenancy of certain premises formed part of their partnership property was heard at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Plaintiff, Chu Shu-suen, alias Sui Cheong-tong, merchant, of 101 Jervois Street, also asks for inquiries, and accounts to be submitted by defendant, in respect of their partnership in the firm of Lee Cheong Hong.

Chu is represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. S. N. Quinn of Brutton and Company, Mr. D. A. L. Wright, on the instructions of Mr. F. J. Griffiths, is appearing on behalf of Mak Ching, merchant, of 17 Connaught Road West, first floor.

The action is being heard by Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge.

The statement of claim states that plaintiff entered into a verbal agreement with defendant in October 1945 for the purpose of carrying on the business of dealers in merchandising at 17 Connaught Road West, first floor, in the firm name of Lee Cheong Hong.

The tenancy of the premises was, and is still held under the firm name. No fixed term was agreed upon for the duration of the partnership, and it was dissolved by consent about July 31, 1947.

Plaintiff now claims for accounts to be submitted, and inquiries to be made in respect of the accounts, and also for a declaration that any right of title possessed by the parties in the tenancy of 17 Connaught Road West formed part of the partnership property, and that plaintiff is also entitled to the tenancy jointly with defendant.

Alternatively, if defendant by his actions, has caused the rights of plaintiff to be lost, plaintiff also claims damages.

Defendant on the other hand claims that Chu never resided at 17 Connaught Road West, first floor. He also denies that a verbal agreement was entered into in October 1945.

Defendant further alleges that the verbal agreement was entered into during December 1945, and that the partnership commenced business about January 1946. He was sorry to be denied to the tenancy, which he claims does not now or ever did form part of the partnership's assets or property.

About July 31, 1947, the statement of defence goes on, there was put in writing in the books of the partnership an account of plaintiff's claim against defendant.

Upon the said account, there was found to be due from defendant to plaintiff, \$12,214.87. It was then verbally agreed between the parties that the indebtedness of defendant to plaintiff should be discharged by defendant by allowing him to take goods of the partnership then stored in the firm's godown. It was also agreed that plaintiff was to receive a written acknowledgment from defendant of his indebtedness in the sum of \$1,770.87.

Defendant further claims that on July 31, 1947, a written note of indebtedness was accordingly handed over to plaintiff. Subsequently, the sum of \$200 was paid in cash to plaintiff, and noted on the accounts. The said goods of the partnership were duly delivered to plaintiff, he claims.

Defendant finally claims that he is—and has always been—willing to pay the sum of \$1,770.87, being the balance owing to plaintiff, and that his account has already been done in writing and agreed between plaintiff and defendant.

Mr. Bernacchi then opened up his case, in the course of which he told the Court that the case was divisible into two portions. One was the issue regarding the tenancy, and the other the settled account issue.

After legal submissions, plaintiff took the stand to testify on his own behalf after which he was cross-examined by Mr. Wright.

Hearing was then adjourned until today.

MAGICIAN TO ENTERTAIN AT IRC

The "Great Marvino," who has held audiences in Hong Kong, Australia, and other parts spellbound with uncanny feats of magic, will perform at the Indian Recreation Club on Saturday.

The Social Sub-Committee of the Club has also secured the services of a dance band which will be making the debut in the Colony. It is understood that further a newcomer, a woman crooner, will probably make her appearance at the same evening.

The programme will start at 8 p.m. Members are requested to bring blankets along in advance of the demand for tables in the hall to be heavy.

Third Fatal Rabies Case

The third fatal case of human rabies this year was recorded in the weekly Health Return for the period ended July 7. The name of the victim and the circumstances of the case were not disclosed by the Government spokesman.

In addition to the three human cases, there have been nine rabies cases involving animals—all with fatal effects.

The Health Return shows that smallpox has been placed in the category of "special infectious diseases" one of which was recorded in the period under review. It was an imported case.

In the same week, there were 44 deaths from tuberculosis. Total deaths from all causes was 374 as against 1,063 births.

SILK WORKERS REMANDED

Seven Mayar Silk Mills striking workers were yesterday brought before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistrate's Court for having allegedly assaulted a staff member, San Kin-shu, and causing grievous bodily harm on Sun, on August 4 at Tsun Wan, New Territories.

Defendants were Chan Man-hok, aged 37, Wong Wo-chung, aged 33, Chin Tsang-mu, aged 38, Leong Shing-yau, aged 35, Chan Chi-ping, aged 26, Kwo Chun-se, aged 20, all weavers, and Ng Kim-kan, aged 31, a storeman.

Defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge, and were remanded for eight days. Defendants were allowed bail of \$750 each.

FATHER GHERZI IN MACAO

Macao, August 10. The Reverend Father Ernest Gherzi, SJ, Director of the Meteorology, Seismology and Radiology Sections of the Zikawei Observatory of Shanghai has arrived here from Hong Kong.

Invited by Dr. Eduardo Brazao, Portuguese Consul at Hong Kong, Father Gherzi will make suggestions for improving the Macao Meteorological Observatory, which in the opinion of the Jesuit, should become an important international scientific centre.—Our Own Correspondent.

MACAO-KONGMOON RADIO-PHONE

Macao, August 10. The Radio Telephone Service between Macao and Kowloon was inaugurated yesterday. It will operate on week days from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The rate for a three-minute ordinary call will be M\$8 and M\$2.00 for every additional minute. An urgent three-minute call will cost M\$12.—Our Own Correspondent.

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GOVERNMENT EXPLAINS PROPOSED REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE

Macao Hotel Requisitioned

Macao, August 10. The Bela Vista Hotel has been requisitioned by the Military Authorities of Macao for Portuguese Army reinforcements.

The hotel is one of the best in town operated by the well-known Chinese businessmen, Mr. Ho Yin and Mr. Chung Chi-kwong.

—Our Own Correspondent.

Heavy Fine For Keeping Transmitter

At Central yesterday, Ma Chan-man, a young local broker, was found guilty of operating an illegal radio station for communication with persons outside of the colony.

Defendant was given the option of the fine of \$4,000 or 10 months imprisonment.

The prosecution told the court at an earlier hearing that on April 1, 1949, Inspector Grew entered the premises at 35 De Souza Road, Central, second floor, which was occupied by defendant, and seized 11 telephones and a number of account books.

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. V. A. L. D'Alton, defendant's counsel, asked the court to take into consideration defendant's youth and inexperience, and said that defendant never contacted anything from the police.

In passing the sentence, Mr. Hin-shing Lee, strongly rebuked defendant, and said that but for what defendant's counsel had said in asking for leniency, he would have recommended banishment, Mr. M. Hearn prosecuted for the Crown.

CHARGED WITH HAVING ARMS

An ex-Merchant Navy officer, Kenneth Peter Parkin, aged 26, was charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon Court yesterday with possession of a .35 Remington automatic and 72 rounds of ammunition without a licence and with stealing two HK\$100 notes at the Allied Cafe from William Gould.

Defendant was represented by Mr. V. A. L. D'Alton and pleaded not guilty.

A request for bail by defence counsel was opposed by the prosecuting officer, DSI Hilden, who said that being a merchant seaman it was possible for defendant to leave the Colony by a Chinese or Panamanian ship.

Bail was refused and the case fixed to be heard on August 20 at 10 a.m.

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Mr. W. G. Wormal, Government Statistician, in a Press conference yesterday, gave a brief outline of the working of the proposed Registration of Persons Ordinance, for the planning of which he was mainly responsible.

A good many of the public, he said, are evidently labouring under a misapprehension as to its working, and have in the back of their mind a picture of large crowds queuing up for their turn to be registered.

In point of fact, there is going to be nothing of the kind. The whole scheme has been planned on a carefully prepared programme for registration in different stages.

For all those in employment, members of their families will be done from returns to be submitted through their employers. This will comprise the initial operation under the scheme, and will involve an estimated 1,500,000 of the population.

As soon as the ordinance is enacted, employers of labour will be asked to report, on forms to be sent to them, the number of their employees and their families. On the basis of this information the appropriate number of registration forms will be sent them, to be returned with particulars of each of their employees and each member of employee's families.

From these returns, identity cards will be prepared, and as soon as they are ready, employers will be contacted in turn to appoint a date and place convenient to their employees, where photographs may be taken and the identity cards thumb-printed.

Mobile units of seven or eight persons each in a motor lorry will make visits to employers at appointed times to have the photographing and thumb-printing done, so that the least possible inconvenience will be caused to the registrants.

Special Arrangement

There may be some difficulty in getting all members of employee's families to turn up at the same time. Some of them, for one reason or another, may be absent. In such cases, special arrangement will be made for such absent members to call at headquarters for photographing and thumb-printing.

And the last stage will be the handing of the completed identity cards to the registrants, and again arrangement will be made through employers for a time and place most convenient to those concerned.

"The whole process will be reduced to one of absolute simplicity, and I do not expect any inconvenience to the public," said Mr. Wormal.

Registration of all persons in employment and their families is expected to be completed by January next.

The next operation will be the registration of the self-employed and the unemployed, and this will be done on form 2 for individual registration.

It is proposed to register them in categories, say hawkers as a class, and arrangements will be made wherever possible for group registration so as to obviate inconvenience to the minimum.

Mr. Wormal stressed the importance of the registration scheme which he described as purely a security measure, that should have the support of all sections of the community. It is just one small item in an overall programme for the defence and internal security of the Colony.

Asked by a Pressman whether there is any possibility of fingerprinting being omitted in view of protests among certain people, Mr. Wormal said in fact only the left thumb would be taken. He had no intention of making any change in this respect, and he could see no reason for the objection. Thumb-printing is being done in Malaya, in China, and in other countries. It is perhaps an old prejudice, associating it with crime, but the thumb print in this case is not in the interest of the Government but for the person himself.

A photograph on an identity card might be detached and substituted by someone for a nefarious purpose, but a thumb print, nature's own safeguard, will forestall such a fake.

Despite all precautions, cases have been known of a photograph having been substituted, but not a thumb print, so the importance of this safeguard to a bona fide holder of an identity card is only too obvious.

Mr. Wormal, in reply to a question, said the headquarters of the department looking after the registration scheme will be located in the new Telephone Building opposite the Lee Theatre and he hoped to see it in full operation by the middle of next month.

The staff of the department has been tentatively set at about 130, but this might be varied after the scheme was fully under way.

Mr. Wormal said he could not say at the moment what the cost of the scheme would be pending the making of staff personnel and other matters.

"To the public, however," said Mr. Wormal, "the scheme will not cost a single cent. All the cards will be provided, and the photographing done by Government at Government expense."

Reminders

Today

The Barnstormers, including a film, Refreshment Through the Ages, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

V's Men's Ladies Night at South Beach Shed, 6 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk by Dr. S. C. Chin on "Franchising a social problem in Hong Kong", Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

HK Union Church Women's meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.

Forces' Night, at St. Andrew's Church hall, 7.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

HK Light Orchestra Singers' rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m.

European YMCA Council meeting, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Kowloon Gramophone Society concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.

Beach Picnic, at Silverstrand Beach, European YMCA, 2.30 p.m.

Woman Fined For Having Raw Opium

An expectant mother, aged 37, was sentenced to four months imprisonment as an alternative to a fine of \$1,000 at the Kowloon court yesterday, when her story of how eight tins of raw opium which were found in her possession was disbelieved by the Magistrate.

It was alleged by Revenue Officer Mak Lai Sang, that while he was on duty at the Yau-nai Railway Station on August 8 at 3.45 a.m., he came across defendant, Choi Lin, carrying a basket. On inspecting the basket he found that there was a false bottom to it. In the cavity there were four paper packets containing raw opium.

Crying throughout the whole of the hearing, defendant stated that the basket was handed to her by one of her village friends who was leaving by the express train. He had instructed her to take the slow train and take the basket for him, as he had too much luggage to carry. She denied that she knew there was opium in the basket.

In mitigation she said that she had three children in the village and was expecting another in a month's time.

Remarking that she will be well taken care of during her sentence, and that she will be just ready to start work when the term finishes, the Magistrate passed the sentence on her.

Orders For St. John

Orders by Mr. A. of Arruili, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, follow:

Ambulance Detachment, Hong Kong: August 11 to 20, Central Division; August 21 to 27, KCOB Division.

Ambulance Detachment, Kowloon: August 11 to 21, Shamshuipo Division; August 22 to 29, Kowloon Division.

Detachment, District Hong Kong: Republic Day, Saturday, August 13, Wanchai "A"; Sunday, August 14, Wanchai "B"; Saturday, August 20, Chung King; Sunday, August 21, HKYMCA.

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Australian Woman, Married To Chinese, To Return Home

After one month of living in a Chinese hut with her three sons and Chinese husband, a white Australian girl has decided to return to Australia.

She is Mrs. Tony Ang, aged 24, formerly Miss Marjorie Pettit, Apollow Road, Bulimba, Brisbane, Australia.

Mrs. Ang left Australia with her husband last June 26, when the Australian Government threatened to deport her husband, Tony, under the provisions of the White Australia Policy.

When the "China Mail" reporter interviewed Mrs. Ang at her hut in Kowloon City yesterday, she was writing a letter to the Australian Government through the Assistant Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong (Mr. H. H. Rankin).

Mrs. Ang was holding her youngest son (Dennis, four months) in one arm, and typing a letter with the other hand.

She said that it was now obvious to her and her husband that their three sons could not continue to live in Chinese fashion, and ever expect to get the advantages and proper sanitary conditions if they were to be healthy.

She added: "Ever since we started to live here, the three boys have been constantly ill with coughs, boils on their bodies, and heat rashes."

"That's primarily because there are no running water or lavatory facilities in the hut."

Mrs. Ang walked into one of the four cubicles in the hut and pointed at a wooden board in the corner. "That's our bed, and the children sleep on beds just like that. The first night Raymond slept there, he was bitten by a spider, and had a large welt on his cheek for a week that never since we had married her husband in Brisbane in 1944, had they lived in such primitive conditions."

She added that they had not had an English meal in two years—mainly they were eating boiled fish and rice, but she was giving the boys powdered milk which she brought from Australia.

Looks 'For Job

Mr. Ang has been out every day looking for employment as a ship's bosun.

He said that he could get a job on a ship, but that he would have to buy it for about HK\$2,000.

He added: "I just like paying key money for a house or flat."

"I have been offered labouring jobs which pay only about HK\$100 to HK\$160 a month, but that kind of salary is ridiculous."

Mrs. Ang said that after paying more than HK\$2,000 for their hut, they had only HK\$3,000 left, and that most of that would have to be paid for Tony to get his ship's job.

She added: "When I first got here, I was determined to make our marriage work; I met some Chinese and tried to learn to understand them and their ways, but it is very difficult."

"For example, at one Chinese hut, the mother of a child about four years was continuously pinching his neck while she was talking to me. When he started to cry, she rolled him over on his stomach, and with a spoon, would grab the skin on his back and pull it."

"After about half an hour, the child was covered with red welts. When we left, Tony told me that the child had a headache, and that the mother was crying."

Mrs. Ang said that there were no streets where she lived, only dirt paths, and the Chinese children did not play. "The children have no toys, and their bodies caused by heat rashes."

"Last Sunday, I was left alone in the house. I went out front and saw about half a dozen men there."

printing at me, and walking towards our hut. I ran inside and bolted the door; they stood in front of the hut for about 10 minutes, laughing and speaking in shrill Chinese.

"Everything has to be locked up. About a week ago I had two chickens from which we intended to make boiled chicken. I hung them in front of the hut for about five minutes, and when I came back, they were missing."

Mrs. Ang said that they get their water from a communal tap, about 200 yards from the hut. All the water must be boiled on a small kerosene stove.

Strong Stench

A small stream which runs in front of the hut contains sewage and the stench is very strong.

Mrs. Ang said that two nights ago, Tony came home and sat down on a stool and started to cry.

She added: "I knew what he was crying about, for a month now he has been tramping the streets looking for a job that would be good enough to let us live decently, and be able to take good care of the children. Even if he gets the bosun's job, he will not get enough money to support the family."

"He called me over and said: 'If you and the boys leave, I will have nothing, except knowing that you are better cared for than I can care for you here. If you stay here, I would go crazy seeing you and the boys living in this place, and not getting the things you need. You must return to Australia before it is too late.'"

Mrs. Ang said: "I and the boys love Tony. But there didn't seem to be anything that I could tell him except that I knew we must go back to Australia too. I told him that if it were only myself, I would gladly stick by him whatever he did for a job, but that it wouldn't be fair to the boys to stay in China."

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Pirates Beat Cubs

Chicago, August 9. Cliff Chambers and Clyde McCullough took leading roles today in defeating their former team-mates Chicago Cubs when Pittsburgh Pirates captured the opener of the series, 8-3, before 11,313 fans.

Chambers registered his seventh victory, though he required the assistance of Harry Gumbert after being kayed by Andy Pafko's 16th homer in the eighth. Chambers' battery mate, McCullough, smashed a two run homer in the fifth and then doubled to launch the decisive four-run rally that routed Johnny Schmitz in the eighth. It was Schmitz' ninth defeat.

Bob Muncie was nicked for final two runs in the ninth after complicating matters in an eighth inning rescue by dishing out two walks.

The scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Pittsburgh Pirates	8 11 2
Chicago Cubs	3 0 0
Pirates: p. Chambers, Gumbert; c. McCullough.	
Cubs: p. Schmitz, Muncie; c. Owen.	
Brooklyn Dodgers	8 15 0
Philadelphia Phillies	1 3 5
Dodgers: p. Erskine; c. Campanella.	
Phillies: p. Roberts, Trinkle, Howe, Meyer; c. Seminick, Lopata.	
Boston Braves	3 11 0
New York Giants	4 7 1
Braves: p. Sain; c. Salkeld.	
Giants: p. Jansen, Zabala, R. Mueller.	

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York Yankees	3 10 1
Boston Red Sox	6 10 0
Yankees: p. Raschi; c. Silveira.	
Red Sox: p. Kinde; c. Tebbetts.	
Philadelphia Athletics	6 8 0
Washington Senators	3 9 0
Athletics: p. Schieb; c. Guerra.	
Senators: p. Weik, Wetteroth, C. Early.	
St. Louis Browns	1 9 1
Cleveland Indians	9 9 0
Browns: p. Garver, Kennedy, Starr; c. Moss.	
Indians: p. Feller; c. Hegan.	
Texas	
Chicago White Sox	5 8 0
Detroit Tigers	11 15 0
White Sox: p. Wight, Surkont, Kileman; c. Malene.	
Tigers: p. Hutchinson, Gray; c. Swift.—United Press.	

Youth Gaoled For Stealing

An 18-year-old boy, Chan Hing-wing, was sentenced to four months by Mr. F. X. d'Akna at Central yesterday for stealing \$2,000 from John D. Humphreys and Co. on August 8, in Alexander Building.

It was stated that Wong Fah, the cashier, went back to the office on August 9 and found the safe opened and \$2,000 in bundles of \$10 and five dollars missing. In the safe was \$877.70 in bundles of one dollar notes and ten cents. This had not been touched.

Defendant was suspected and when questioned by the police admitted the offence.

He said that he had a duplicate key of the office safe made some three months ago.

Defendant's father is at present in America and his mother in the country. The money was recovered.

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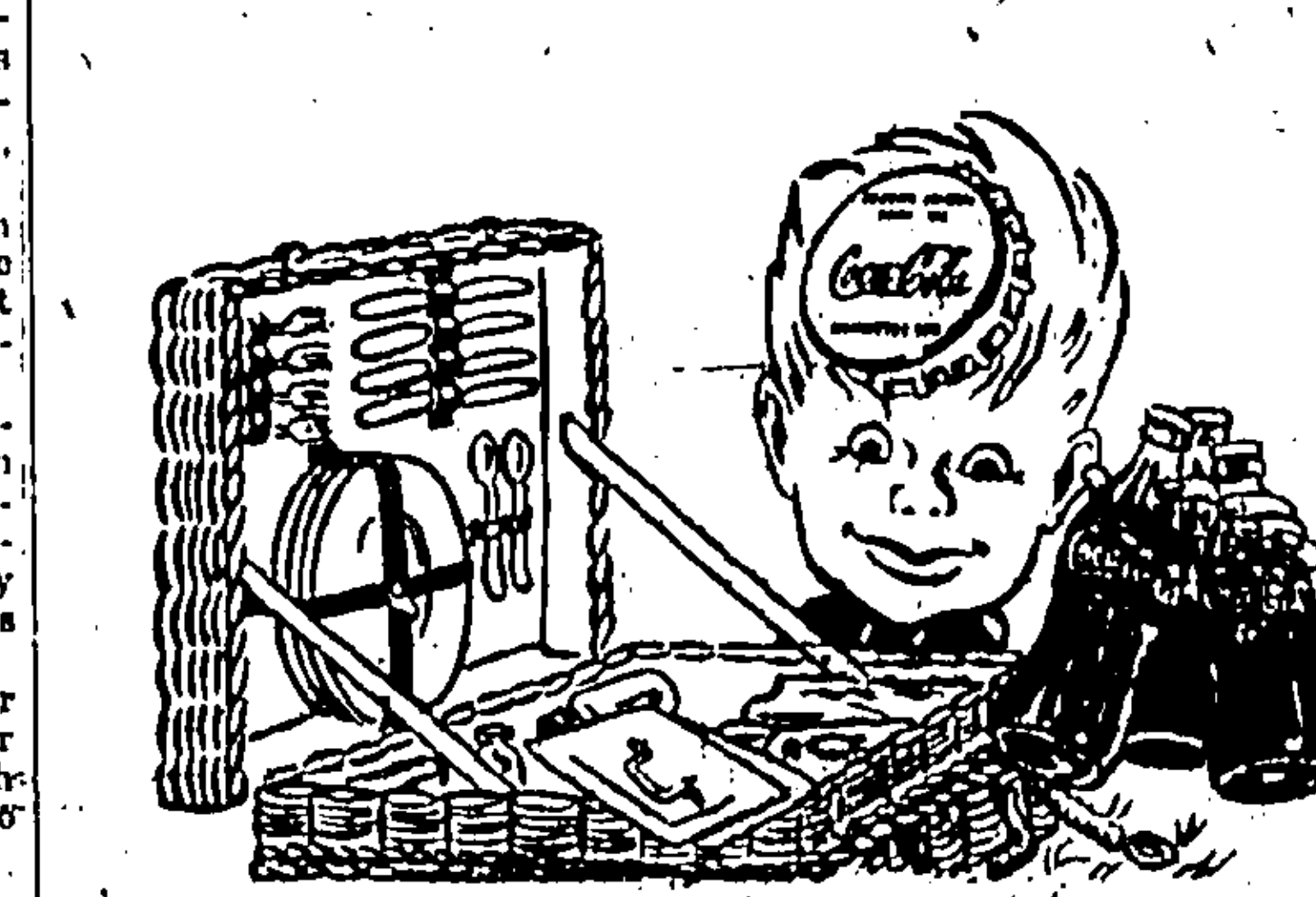
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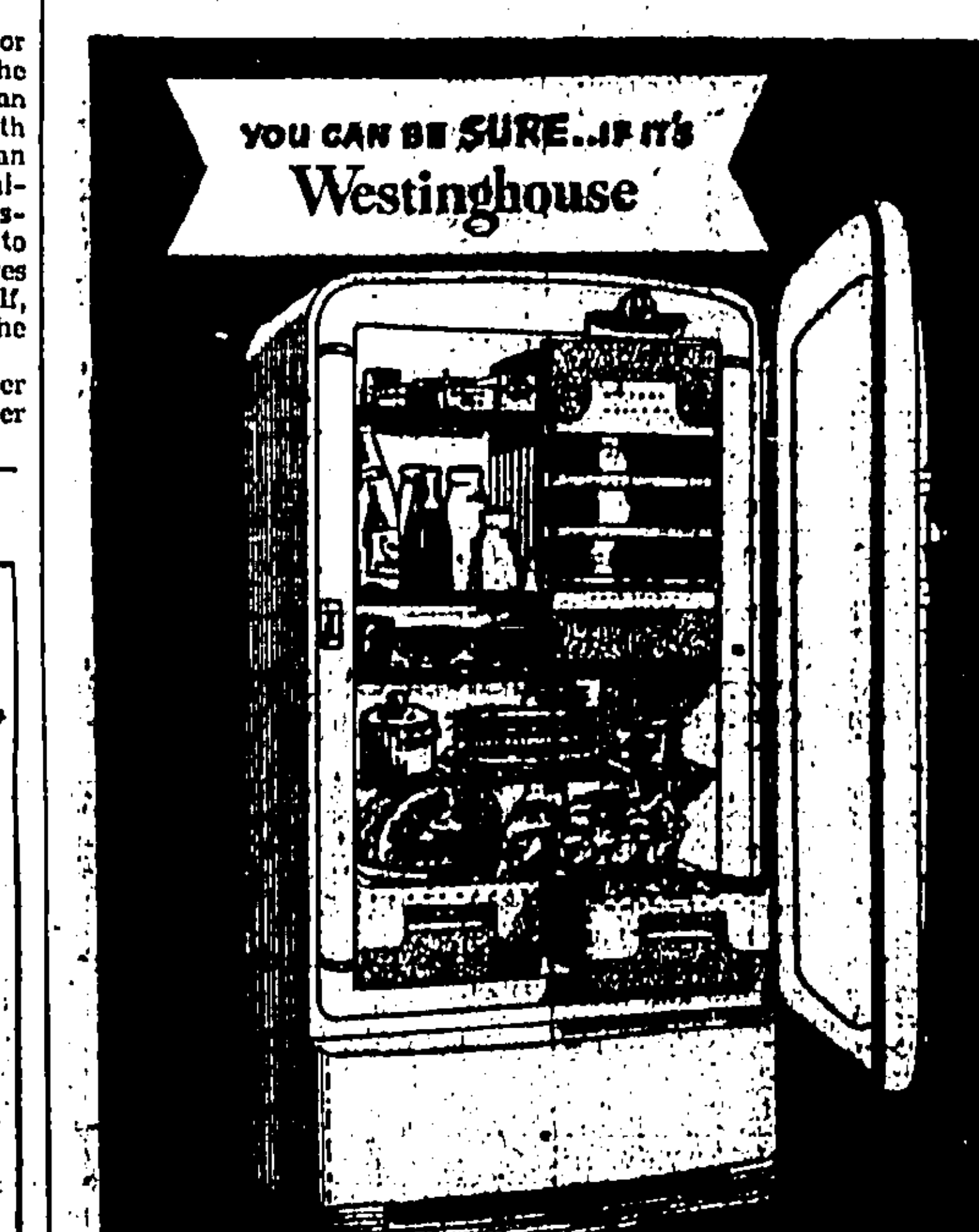
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Wednesday	17th Aug.	Nos. 1 — 1200
Thursday	18th	1201 — 2400
Friday	19th	2401 — 3600
Monday	22nd	3601 — 4800
Tuesday	23rd	4801 — 6000
Wednesday	24th	6001 — 7200
Thursday	25th	7201 — 8400
Friday	26th	8401 — 9600
Monday	29th	9601 — 10800
Wednesday	31st	10801 — 12000
Thursday	1st Sept.	12001 — 13200
Friday	2nd	13201 — 14400
Monday	5th	14401 — 15600
Tuesday	6th	15601 — 16800
Wednesday	7th	16801 — 18000
Thursday	8th	18001 — 19200
Friday	9th	19201 — 20400
Monday	12th	20401 — 21600
Tuesday	13th	21601 — 23000

4. Drivers are requested, in their own interests, to attend
on the day allotted.

5. A driver must produce his existing licence.

6. The fee for renewal of a driving Licence is \$5.00.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

August 9, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

ANNUAL LICENSING OF VEHICLES
FOR PERIOD 1st JULY 1949 TO 30th JUNE 1950

WARNING

1. Owners of Private and Commercial Vehicles are
hereby warned that if any unlicensed vehicle is found on
the road after the 16th August, 1949, prosecution will follow
without further warning.

2. The registered owner of any private or commercial
motor vehicle which has been taken permanently off the
roads of the Colony since 1st July, 1949, is requested to
notify the Traffic Office, Central Police Station immediately
of the whereabouts or disposition of such vehicle.

3. Owners of vehicles who did not license their vehicles
on the dates allotted to their groups may renew their
vehicle licences as follows:—

Thursday 11th August	Motor Cars	1 — 2000
	Motor Cycles	1 — 500
Friday 12th August	Motor Cars	2001 — 4000
	Motor Cycles	501 — 1000
Monday 15th August	Commercial Vehicles	5001 — 7000
	Motor Cars	8001 — 9999
Tuesday 16th August	Commercial Vehicles	HK5001 — HK5100
	Motor Cars	HK1 — HK1200

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

August 9, 1949.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

REDUCTION OF CHARGES FOR CURRENT

Charges for current will be reduced for all meters read
on and after October 1, 1949:—

LIGHTING	From	To
	35 cents	33 cents
Monthly account		
1 to 150 units	35 cents	31.35 "
160 " 625 "	31.5 "	29.7 "
626 " 1,565 "	29.75 "	28.05 "
1,566 " 3,125 "	28 "	26.4 "
3,126 " 6,250 "	26.25 "	24.75 "
6,251 " 9,375 "	24.5 "	23.1 "
9,376 " 12,500 "	22.75 "	21.45 "
12,501 " 15,625 "	21 "	19.8 "
15,626 " 18,750 "	19.25 "	18.15 "
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Hong Kong, August 8, 1949.

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ALLEGED
CRUELTY
TO CHILD

Alleged cruelty to his adopt-
ed daughter resulted in a
father being brought up be-
fore Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon
court yesterday.

It was alleged that the father,
Lai Fu, of 95, Parker Street 1st
floor was going to have his
daily dose of cod liver oil and
asked his adopted daughter to
wash a cup for him. Enraged at
the daughter's tardiness, he slapped
her on the face and then hit
her on the back with a bamboo
pole.

Defendant's wife told the Court
that she had three children by a
former marriage and com-
plaintant was one of them. She
had a son by defendant and asked
the court if she could be asked
to "beat" him, but was asked
by the magistrate to settle the
matter between them.

Defendant was bound over to
the sum of \$250 for one year on
the condition that he does not go
near 95, Parker Street or molest
complainant. He was given per-
mission to visit the premises only
once for the purpose of taking
away his luggage.

At Central yesterday, Mr. F. X.
d'Almeida granted an application
for the confiscation of eight
rifles, nine bayonets and 835
rounds of ammunition, the prop-
erty of San Miguel Brewery
Limited.

THE HONGKONG
ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

Notice is hereby given that an
Interim Dividend, in respect of
the year 1949, of 50.80 per
share, Free of Tax, has been
declared payable on and after
7th September, 1949.

Applications for Dividend
Warrants should be made either
personally or by letter to the
Registered Office of the Com-
pany, P. & O. Building,
4th Floor.

The Register of Members of
the Company will be closed from
25th August, 1949, to
7th September, 1949, both days
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By Order of the Board,
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Hong Kong August 8, 1949.

NOTICE

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Teachers employed in Work-
ers' Children's Schools whose
students are being transferred to
the new Government Work-
ers' Children's Schools are re-
minded that the last date on
which applications for em-
ployment in the new schools
will be received is August 12,
1949.

Applications should be sent
to the Director of Education,
Windsor House, 3rd Floor,
Des Voeux Road, Central.

T. R. ROWELL,
Director of Education.
August 10, 1949.

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DIRECTORY
NOTICE

All those who have received
their entry forms for Firms,
Government Offices, Schools,
Churches, Clubs, Services etc.
are kindly requested to revise
and return them to us not
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PI May Close
Legation
in China

Manila, August 10.
The Philippines may close
its legation branch in Canton
and consulate in Amoy in
view of the deteriorating war
situation in South China, it is
learned today.

The Under Secretary for For-
eign Affairs, Mr. Felino Neri,
said the Foreign Office is con-
sidering the question whether the
Canton legation branch and the
consulate in Amoy be maintained
in view of the reported Chinese
Communist offensive toward these
areas.

He said in the case of Amoy
reports have been received that
it may be used as a Red staging
centre for a Taiwan invasion.
This would convert Amoy into
a war theatre and endanger the
safety of Philippine consular
personnel there.

Mr. Neri indicated a decision
on the Canton and Amoy offices'
closure will be made by Presi-
dent Elpidio Quirino on his re-
turn to Manila.

Mr. Neri had a lengthy confer-
ence this morning with Mr. Ed-
ward Rice, first secretary of the
United States Embassy, who is
an expert on Chinese affairs.
It was understood they discussed
the China situation, but no
decisions were reached.—United
Press.

Chu Chua-hwa, Vice-Premier of
Nationalist China, left for Canton
yesterday after a short visit in
the Colony.



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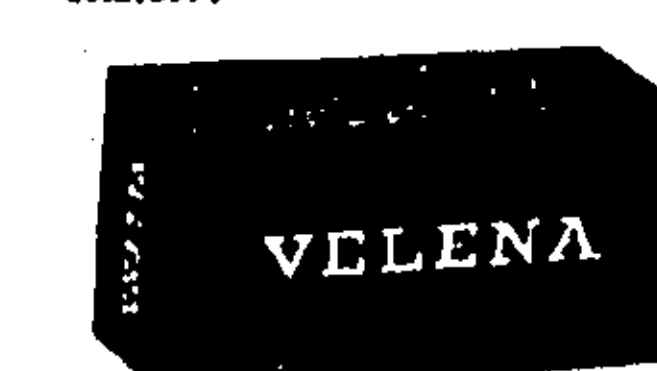
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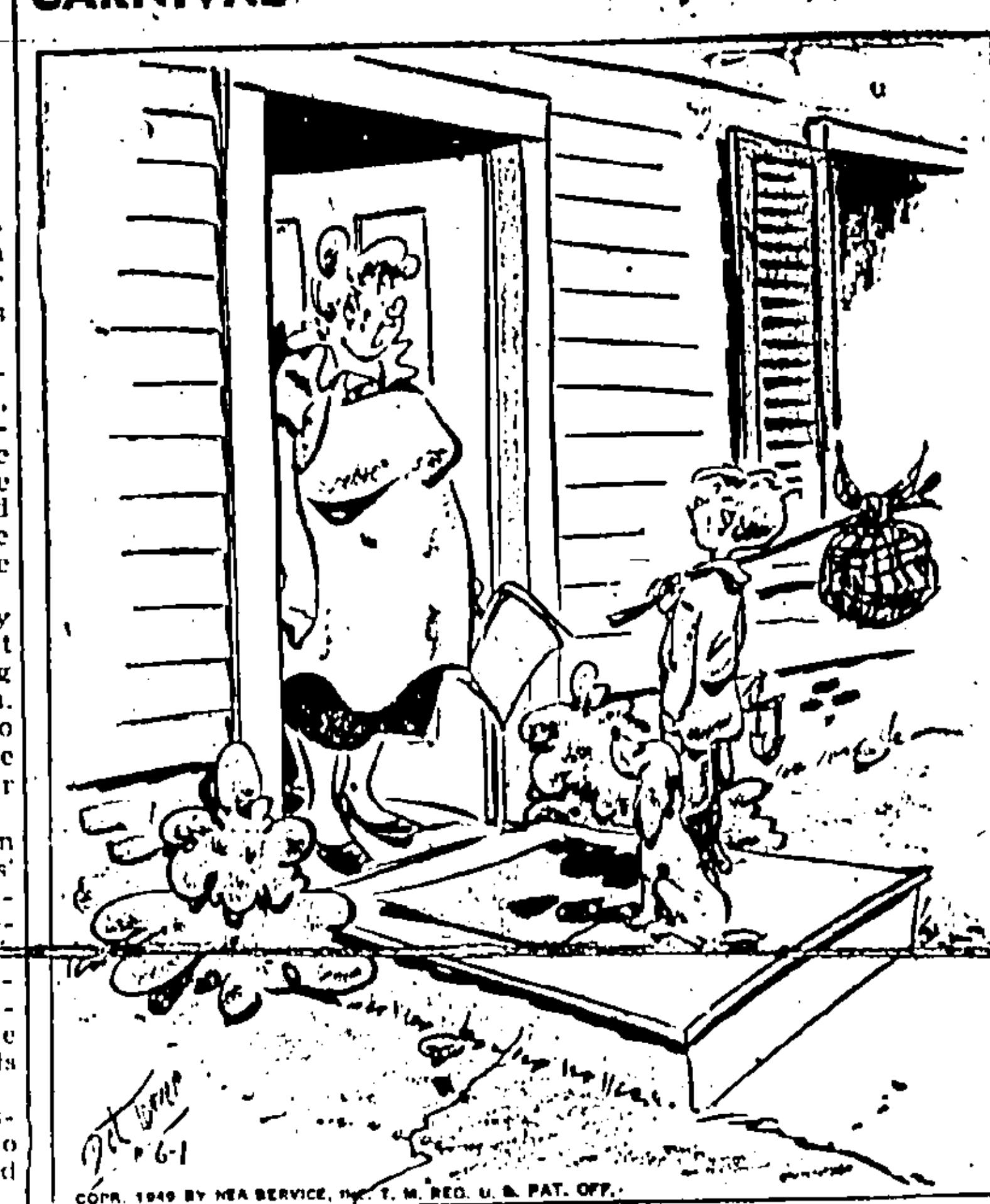
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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Please, ma'am, could you spare a man a crust of cake?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

NOT PLUCK, BUT FOLLY
CONTINUING to try for your
game contract, while there re-
mains the slightest hope for it,
is sound rubber bridge. But if
you see that making it is impos-
sible, you should take the sure
course to down one rather than
trying a play which has no chance
to win and will cause you to be
set two. Accepting the wrong
alternative in such a case is not
courage, but foolishness.

Seven tricks were now in. If
North had possessed another dia-
mond in dummy, with the lead
in that hand, he could have taken
another diamond finesse to give
him nine tricks. But he was in
his own hand, with no more dia-
monds in dummy. Then an ab-
surd hope dawned upon him—If
West would lead a diamond to
him, he might get two more
tricks. Hoping for that, he led
his club 10 toward the Q, but
East won with the A, took two
more hearts and then led to the
club K to set North two.

Brief thought would have told
North East surely could win that
first club lead, and hearts would
end his own trick-taking. He
should have cashed the diamond
K for his eighth trick, then given
up the rest to be thankful he
was down only one after such
unsound bidding by his side. His
folly cost him 200 points.

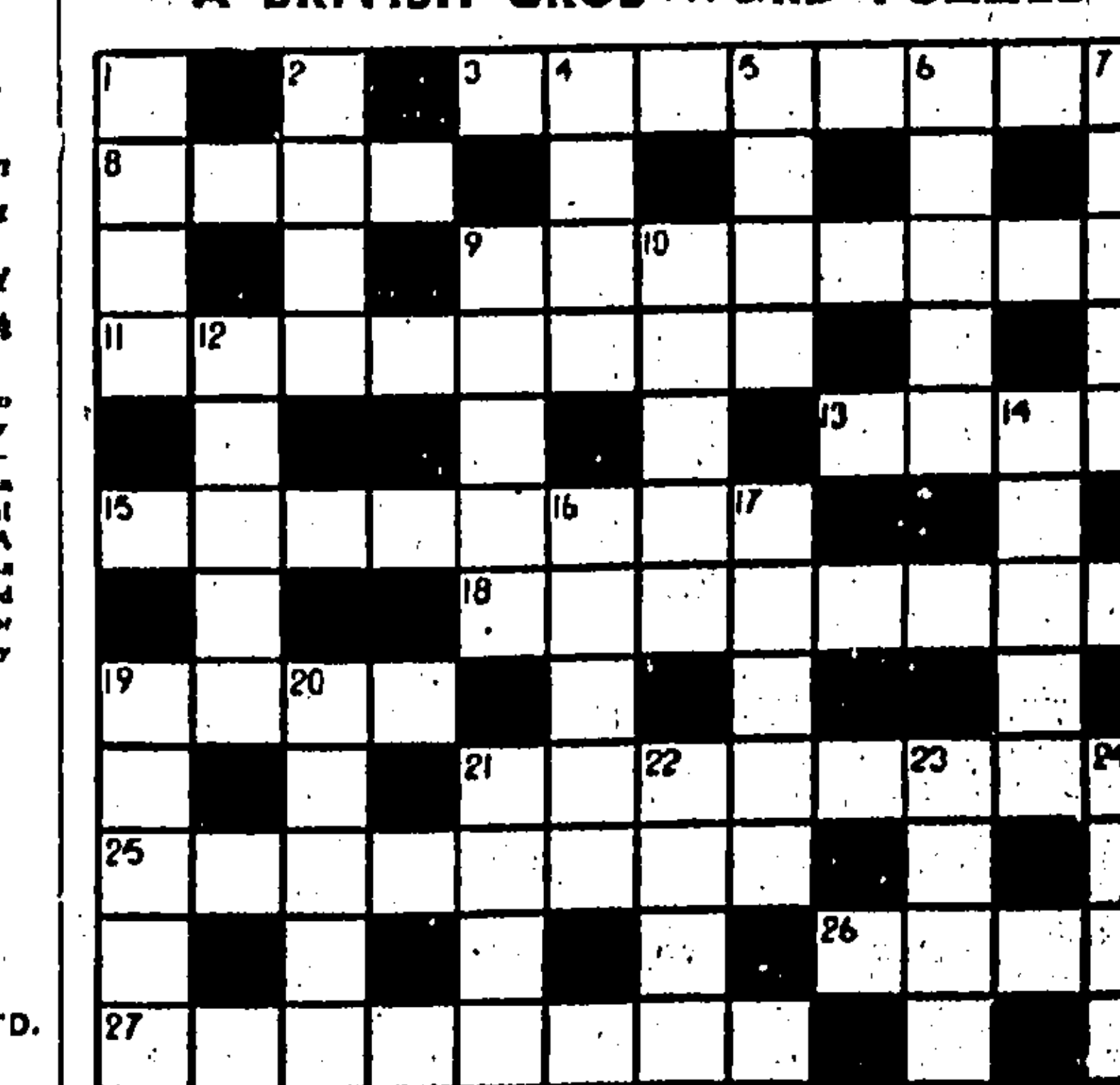
Tomorrow's Problem
S 432
H 7642
D 73
C 9276

S Q J 10 S A J 8 7
H K Q J H 10 9
D 10 8 5 D A K Q
C A 10 4 3 2 C 9 4 2

S K 9 6 5 S A J 8 7
H A 8 5 2 H 10 9
D J 6 D A K Q
C Q J 5 C 9 4 2

(Dealer: West. North-South
vulnerable).
After his first bid of 1-Dia-
mond and West's 2-Clubs, what
should East bid?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Complete. 10 chlef.
8 Weaving. 10 Tub.
9 machine. 21 Catastrophe.
9 Heaven. 25 Trespasser.
11 Flower. 28 Manner of
13 Observed. walking.
18 Exhausted. 27 Dilating.
19 Business

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Morn, 4 Patch,
7 Undulate, 8 Fall, 9 Decent, 11
Enraged, 15 Sincere, 16 Patent,
18 Thaw, 19 Adulter, 20 Ewers,
21 Entree.
Down—1 Morn, 2 Ashes,
3 Shatter, 4 Prater, 5 Triangle, 6
Halted, 10 Converse, 12 Neptune,
13 Saffron, 14 Gears, 15 Trail, 17
Tide.

ANCIENT COPY OF THE BIBLE FOUND IN CAVE

NEPAL HAS RED PROBLEM

New Delhi, August 9. A former President of the Nepal National Congress, Mr. B. P. Koirala, told reporters here today that Communists had lately filtered into Nepal politics.

He said that the Communist Party of Nepal was an offshoot of the Communist Party of India, and members, trained in Calcutta and other places in India, were carrying back to Nepal a "tradition of anti-social activities and disruption."

Recent Communist successes in China have also given a fillip to Communistly-inclined elements," he said.

The Nepal National Congress is an organization which has been carrying on agitation in the State for the installation of representative government. Reuter.

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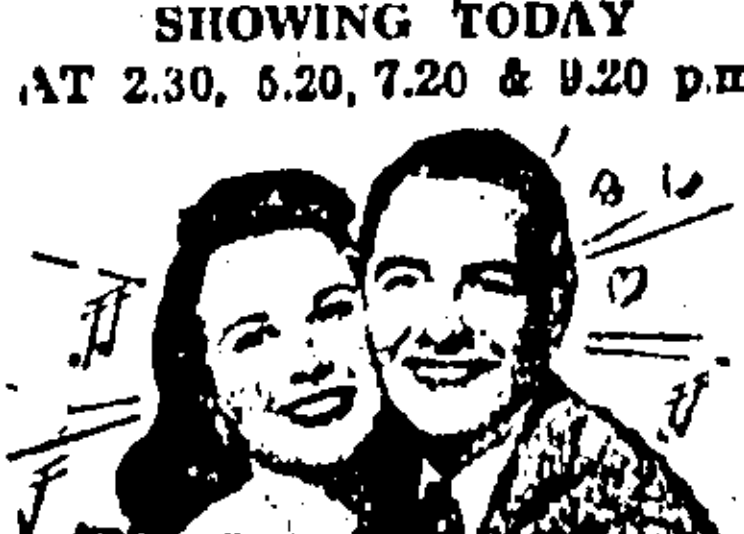
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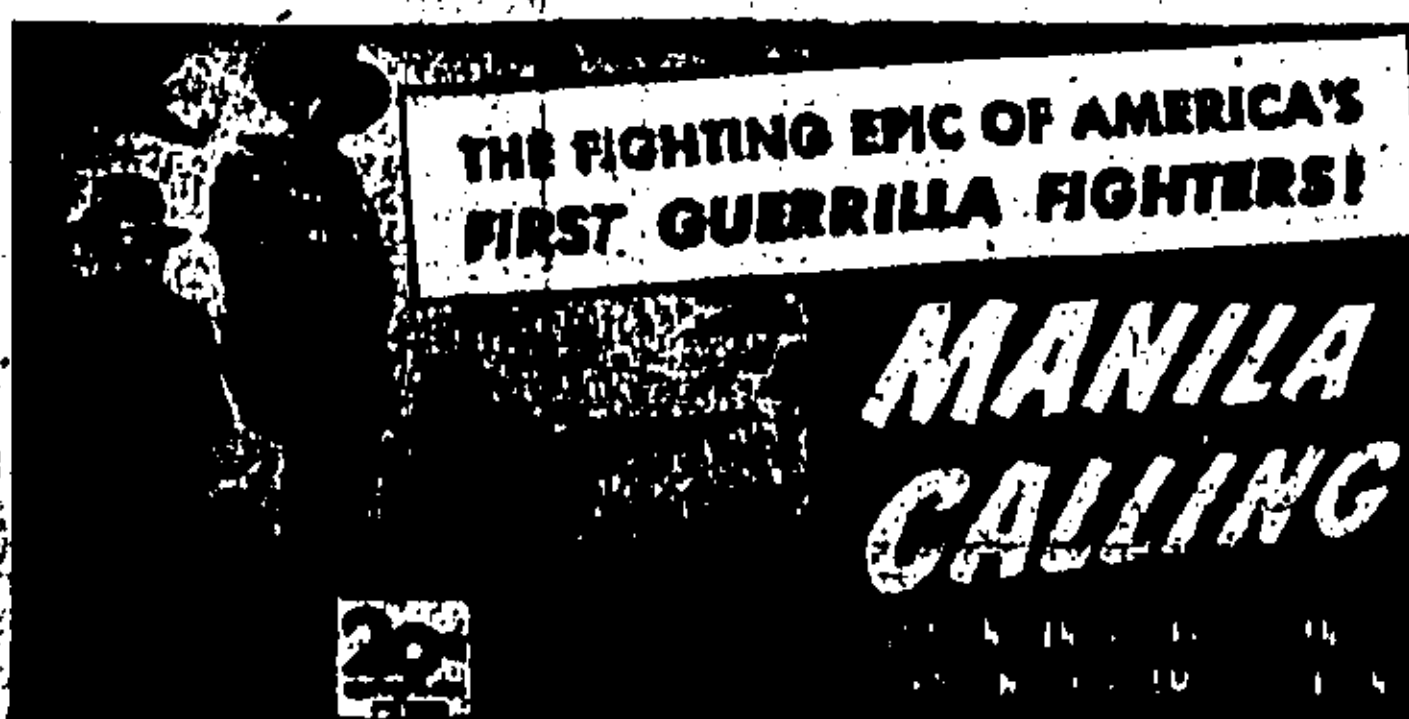
They will marry at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church here tonight.

Guests at Jimmy's stag party included film star friends, David Niven, Jack Benny and Spencer Tracy.—Associated Press.

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MANILA CALLING

London, August 9.

Fragments of the Old Testament in Hebrew, more than 2,000 years old, found in Palestine, are believed by British archaeological experts to have been part of ancient records hidden by a lost monastic Jewish sect when struggling for religious and political freedom.

The fragments, now under examination in London, are from one of a number of tattered leather scrolls recovered from a cavern in the foothills of the shores of the Dead Sea after a chance discovery in 1947 by a goatherd rounding up his stray animals.

The scrolls, stated to have been written in the 3rd or 4th Century B.C. and identified as texts of the Old Testament books, are calculated by experts to have been part of library hidden by the Essenes, one of the three great religious sects of ancient Israel.

At the British Museum, where the fragments are under laboratory examination, experts said today that they would "enable the Hebrew Bible to look the Greek translation in the face for the first time in Christian history."

Described as the most important archaeological discovery ever made in Palestine, and the most important confirmation ever obtained of the Bible, the texts are reckoned to be 1,100 years older than any previous known examples and are regarded as certain to take precedence over the Greek translations, which at present form the basis of the Bible.

British experts said today that it may be 20 years before the texts and their implications are fully digested in relation to the Bible as it is known today.

The British authorities believe that the obscure Hebrew script, in which the ancient scrolls have been written, confirms their age and authenticity.

Before Christ

Though differing little from the present Hebrew alphabet, it is identified with the remote 4th and 5th Centuries before Christ, when the Jews returned from Babylonian and Persian captivity.

The discovery of the cavern holding the scrolls near the Dead Sea is taken as a further confirmation that it once formed the secret archives of the Essenes, who are known to have had their headquarters in that territory.

Among four of the recovered scrolls which have been under examination at the American School of Oriental Research is the earliest known manuscript of the Book of Isaiah. Other Books of the Old Testament have also been identified.

The discovery of the cavern and the recovery of the scrolls and fragments of other records and articles found inside has, in itself, provide a story of much interest.

After its unexpected existence had become known, the cavern became the centre of months of research and excavation. Such care was needed in its examination that experts used nothing but small knives and their hands for the work.

Apart from the priceless scrolls themselves, remnants of finely-woven cloth and earthenware vessels were collected.

New interest has been aroused in the discoveries by an article in the "London Times" today by the Chief Curator of Antiquities.

Film Star Makes Last Appearance

Hollywood, August 9. "James Stewart, actor, positively 'last appearance' said a sign outside one of Hollywood's luxury restaurants last night.

Inside, the man who has been called "Hollywood's most eligible bachelor" was having a last stag party before his marriage to 31-year-old Mrs. Gloria McClean, a former model.

They will marry at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church here tonight.

Guests at Jimmy's stag party included film star friends, David Niven, Jack Benny and Spencer Tracy.—Associated Press.

Britain To Have Film Ambassador

London, August 9. Sir Alfred Duff Cooper, former British Ambassador to Paris and a former Cabinet Minister, has been appointed a film ambassador on the Continent of Europe by the British Film Producers' Association.

He will keep in touch with British Embassies and Legations in Europe and, where necessary, visit various capitals, the company announced today. His object will be to improve the distribution and earnings of British films.—Reuter.

MITTENS FOR GBS

Southampton, August 9. The actress, Gertrude Lawrence, who sailed today for New York, said she would spend her time during the voyage, knitting mittens for George Bernard Shaw.

They would, she said, be a gift to the author for giving her permission to broadcast his play "Pygmalion".—Reuter.

Exam Scandal In Salford College

Salford, Lancashire, August 9.

Two Turkish students were fined today when they admitted offering a girl clerk £60 if she would get them advance copies of examination papers.

Hena Ozman, 35 years old, was fined £40, plus £8 costs and Faid Ozman, 32, was fined £20 under the Corruption Act. Both men have been attending Salford Royal Technical College on Turkish Government Grants.

The prosecutor told the court that Ozman had failed an examination and the Turkish Government had withdrawn his allowance and ordered him home.

He refused to go, however, the prosecutor said, and went to nearby Manchester, where he worked by day and studied by night for another try at the test. Ozman became friendly with Ozman, who had already failed one examination and was due to try again.

The prosecutor declared that Ozman went to the home of a girl clerk of the College, Miss Megan Lloyd Jones, to whom he was unknown, and told her he was prepared to give £60 for advance copies of an Engineering examination.

Miss Jones reported the conversation to the College authorities and, when Ozman met the girl again outside the College, he was arrested by Police, the prosecutor added.

The Police found two envelopes Ozman containing £40 in notes, the court was told. Counsel for Ozman said Ozman had threatened to commit suicide if he failed in his second attempt to pass the examination.—Associated Press.

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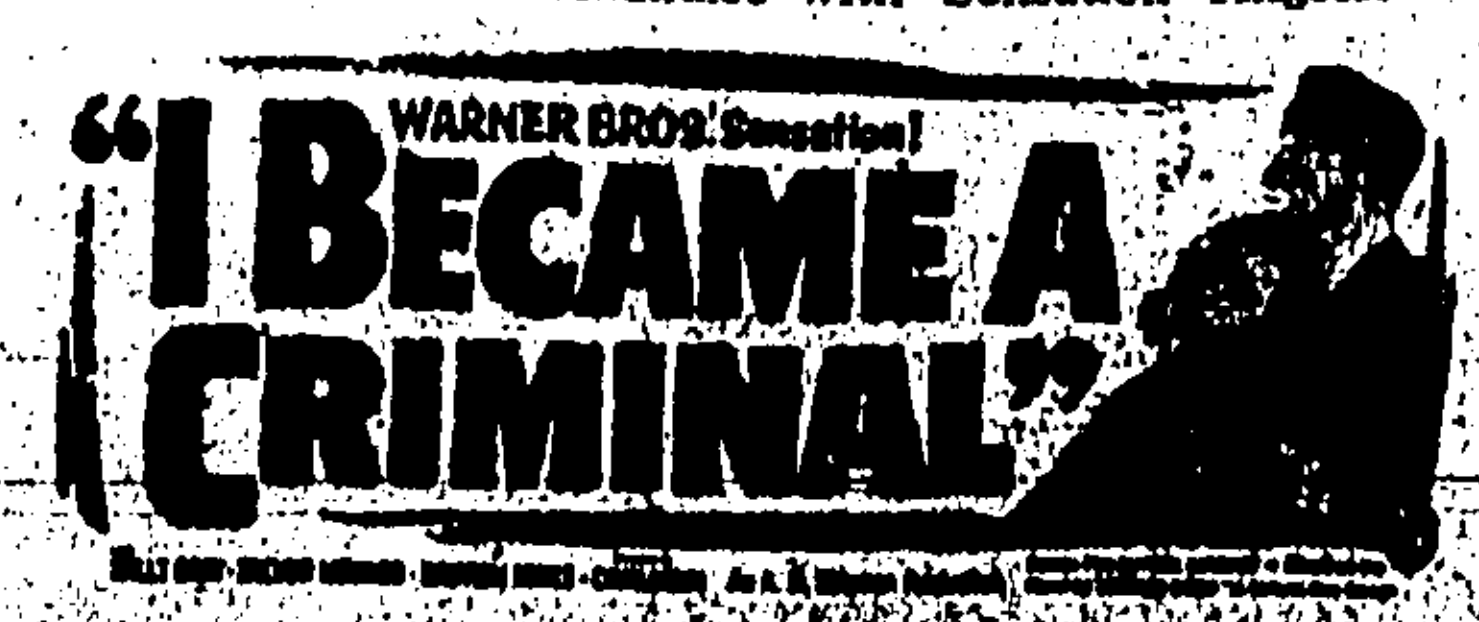
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CHRISTIAN DIOR CREATES FASHION SENSATIONS

Paris, August 9.

Christian Dior, revealing his art for the first time this season, has presented a collection for which the mere adjective "superb" was voted inadequate by the critics.

"Milleu de siecle" (mid-century) is what he called it, and one expert said: "Dior this time has surpassed even Dior."

Drawn from the best fashion points from 1800 to the present day, and combined with ideas worth retaining for the rest of the century, fullness still prevails at Dior's.

Arms are dropped low, the dropped shoulder-line is exaggerated, in some cases falling six inches below the natural shoulder line. Short evening dresses predominate.

Words you will hear shortly are "sleeper-lines." These are generally carried out in contrasting material.

Vertical inserts in contrasting materials that round out in worn areas from a tiny natural waistline to the hem give a windmill effect. The waist is held in place by a stiff boxcox belt.

New Silhouette

Pockets predominate, and start a new silhouette, with crescent shape stiffened "mons" of fabric rising from under the bust to high above. The same crescents are shown in embroidery in tiny horn efforts on hats, or in brilliant on evening bandeaux.

Antelope leather is used several times for straight sheath short evening dresses, gathered with diamond or embroidered with gold-calf design.

Drop neck lines that fall almost to the waist are worn over sheath type corsets of contrasting material, in pastel satin over black velvet or a darker satin. Rounded neck evening gowns have mother of pearl embroidery with full petals of the embroidery forming bodies.

Formal Gown

Although there was a majority of short evening dresses, the beautifully draped two-tone satin formal gown still reigns supreme.

Contrasting fabrics and colours predominate—satin with faille, moire with velvet. Luxurious wrap-arounds are lined with gold cloth or brocade, and are worn with matching skill.

Leopard is everywhere, as collars, to line sleeves, for big flat

Snyder On U.S. Investing

Washington, August 9.

Mr. John Snyder, United States Secretary of the Treasury, said today that if foreign nations forbid Americans to have majority control in new industrial enterprises it would be a significant deterrent to prospective American investors.

He was presenting to the Senate Banking Committee the Truman Administration's case for Government guarantees for capital invested by Americans abroad under the President's "World New Deal" plan, for under-developed nations.

Another important consideration was the right to convert income into dollars and to transfer an appropriate share of dollar proceeds to the United States.

Mr. Snyder added: "While recognizing the seriousness of this problem in many countries, private investors need the assurance that only the essential needs of a country will receive higher priorities than the maintenance of the income from their investments."—Reuter.

TIRANA CHARGE

Rome, August 9.

Radio Tirana charged today in a broadcast that Greek Government troops have invaded Albanian territory, the Italian news agency Astra reported.

Astra said the charge was made during a broadcast heard by the agency's monitor at Trieste.—Associated Press.

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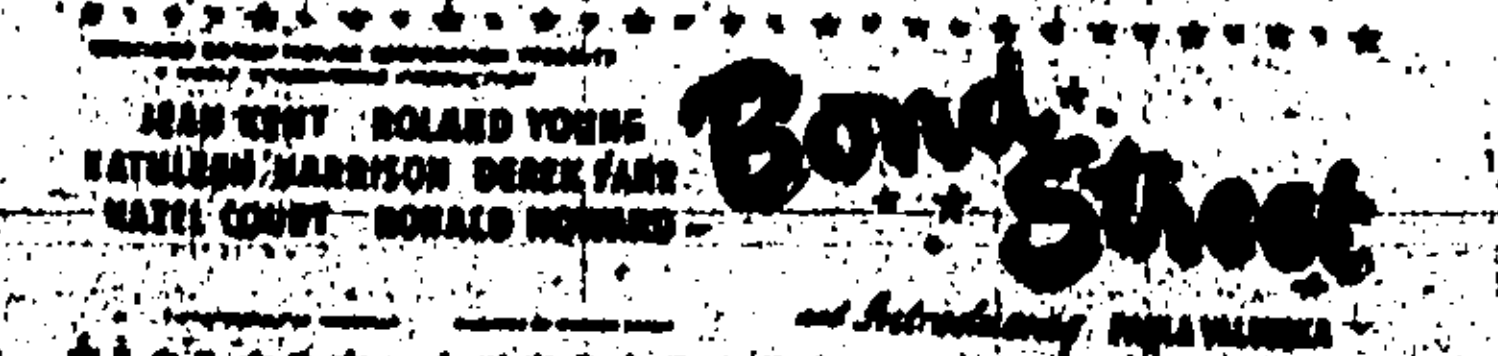
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King Decorated



Paul Coste-Floret (left), French Minister of Colonies, shakes hands with Sisavong Vong, King of Laos, Indo-China, after decorating him with the Croix de Guerre, with Palmes, in Paris. (AP Photo.)

ATOM BOMB BAN ATTEMPT FAILS

Geneva, August 9.
A Soviet attempt to get the 60-nation Geneva Red Cross Conference to ban atom bombs and chemical warfare failed today.

Launching Of New Destroyer

Wallsend, August 9.
HMS Daring, from which a new class of destroyers takes its name, will be launched from the Wallsend shipyard of Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson Limited, tomorrow.

The new vessel which will be named by Mrs. Leonard Hall, daughter-in-law of the First Lord of the Admiralty, incorporates many mechanical labour saving devices for cleaning ship and other features based on lessons learned during the war.

She is 350 feet long, has a beam of 43 feet and is of all-steel hull construction.

Her armament includes six 4-inch guns, six smaller guns and two penitard torpedo tubes.

To ensure comfort of the ship's company, care has been given in the design to spaces available for accommodation.—Reuter.

RN APPOINTMENT

London, August 9.

Rear-Admiral Archibald Day, DSO, who scanned the cross-channel routes for vessels evacuating British troops from Dunkirk in 1940, has been appointed Flag Officer commanding British naval forces in Germany.

He will also be chief British naval representative in the Allied Control Commission. He succeeds Rear Admiral Stephen H. Arliss, DSO.—Associated Press.

He's Going A Mile Down

Los Angeles, August 9.
Mr. Otis Barton, a marine explorer, will try next Saturday to descend more than a mile into the ocean—twice as deep as man has previously penetrated.

Mr. Barton, a former associate of the American naturalist, Dr. William Beebe, has announced his final plans for submerging in his new Benthoscope to a depth of 6,000 feet.

The Benthoscope is a hot-low-steel ball about eight feet in diameter. Mr. Barton will observe marine life through the thick glass windows as the sphere is lowered on the end of a steel cable.—Reuter.

HINT BY ITALIAN PREMIER

Venice, August 9.
The Italian Premier, Alcide De Gasperi, said today that a full agreement with Yugoslavia to settle the Adriatic question is possible.

In an interview with the Independent newspaper, "Il Gazzettino," he said that the recent trade agreement signed with Yugoslavia was based on reciprocal interests but it is clear that Italy-Yugoslav relationship—now based upon correctness—cannot become friendly unless there is the foundation of fair treatment to Italians, mainly those living in the Free Territory of Trieste.

"As soon as we are satisfied that their future is assured, there will be an atmosphere in which problems could be discussed to solve the Adriatic problem."

Asked whether he thought this possible, Premier De Gasperi said: "Yes, because these are technical and economic agreements possible between the most different regimes."—Associated Press.

Shying Away From The Unions

Singapore, August 9.
A fear of terrorism has turned most Chinese workers in Malay away from trade unionism, according to Government sources here.

Official figures show a drop in union membership from 249,000 to 41,188 in just over a year.

Sixty-two per cent of the remaining membership is made up of Indians, who form the smallest of the main racial groups in Malay.

At a time when the authorities are striving for general collaboration against Communism, only one per cent of the gainfully employed population is a "paid up" member of a bona fide trade union.—Reuter.

ALLEGED WHITE SLAVERS NABBED

Copenhagen, August 9.
Police arrested three Danes today in Balborg, Jutland, in connection with a white slave traffic gang said to be operating in Denmark; the Copenhagen "Ekstrabladet" reported.

The paper said that one of the arrested Danes confessed to having acted as assistant to "a mysterious foreigner" who had false passports for smuggling the girls out of Denmark.

The "Ekstrabladet" said that the arrested Dane has given the following description of "the mysterious foreigner":

"A dark-complexioned American who drives a big American car. He wears a broad-brimmed hat, is well provided with dollars and always carries a small pistol."

A divorced woman put the police on the scent a few days ago when she told them that a man had offered her 300 Kroner.

Police arrested the man, who told them today that he would have got the lady drunk and would have abducted her.

The arrested Dane claimed he had put the foreigner in contact with four young Danish girls.

He did not remember their names and did not know whether they had been sent abroad to the "favourable jobs" the foreigner had promised them.—Associated Press.

CZECH CATHOLICS READY FOR FIGHT

Prague, August 9.
The Church authorities here reported today that they have completed plans in expectation of an intensified Communist campaign against the Catholic Church in September. Six thousand priests loyal to Rome and the Czechoslovak Church Hierarchy are said to be ready for prison in preference to appeasement.

Churchmen expressed confidence that they will be supported by the majority of the clergy as well as by most of the 8,000,000 Czech and Slovak Catholics who form the largest group with a non-Communist ideology in any East European country.

Church sources here reported earlier today the unrest is continuing in Slovakia—where some peasants took up arms in June to protect priests from what they feared was threatened arrest.

but at present there appears to be a lull while the Government and the peasants concentrated on getting in the harvest.

In preparation for expected contingencies, the Church has made sure that priests will not suffer materially after the passage of the Government Bill making priests into civil servants to be paid only if approved by the lay authorities, the spokesmen said.

A highly-placed Churchman told Reuter that the Church people will see that the priests were fed, clothed and sheltered if penalised for supporting the policy of the hierarchy and the Vatican.

No Appensement

The Bill, which the Central Action Committee has made ready for approval by the National Assembly, when it resumed in September, vests complete control of all denominations—their property, appointments and finances—in the State.

It specifically provides for cutting off support from priests who displease the Government. The spokesman added: "If the Communists reply, as we may expect, with a really tough policy, then the Church is confident that the priests will choose prison rather than appeasement."

The Church's strongest support is among the farmers, he said. For the last month, the Communists have been taking no risks of a repetition of the disorders in June, when peasants rallied behind their priests with staves and scythes, forcing the Government to declare a state of emergency in a number of areas.

Crucial Month

A heavy importing programme from Russia and Rumania is believed to have given the Government a reserve of something like 300,000 tons of grain, mainly wheat, but care has been taken to ensure that this season's harvesting operations are not interrupted.

The harvest has been good everywhere, with yields up to 20 per cent above the average.

For these reasons, the Church believes that September will be a crucial month.

Relations At An End

Materially, the odds are on the side of the State, with its authority to wield the new legal system.

But whatever material success might be won by the Communists, it would be at the cost of increased antagonism from most of the 8,000,000 members of the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia.

It is learned in the Vatican that diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the Czechoslovak Government have now practically ceased to exist.

The Czech authorities have so far refused to grant a visa to Monsignor Paolo Bortoli, recently appointed to take the place of Monsignor Gonnaro Verolino, as Charge d'Affaires for the Vatican in Prague.

The only Vatican representative remaining in Prague is a secretary.—Reuter.

Secret Talks On Atom Bomb

Lake Success, August 9.

The United States, France, Britain, Russia, China and Canada today began the first of a series of secret talks on atomic control in compliance with the recent resolution of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

The Commission concluded that it is useless to continue its work unless the Big powers could find a basis for agreement.

The five small powers on the Commission are not taking part in the talks.

Only two representatives of each country are allowed to take part in the meeting, and even United States press officers are excluded.—Associated Press.

Morale Good In Britain

New York, August 9.

The British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, returning to New York in the Canberra from London today, said he found the morale of the British people good and their Government's economic condition "pretty sound."

He said that Britain had the same friendly feelings for the people of the United States as they had when he last visited his homeland in May, 1948.

Of the economic situation, he said: "Britain is making some adjustments required by the change-over from a world sellers' market to a buyers' market."—Associated Press.

RECAPTURE OF CONVICTS

Hamburg, August 9.

Twenty out of 30 German convicts who escaped from an island penal camp last Friday, have been recaptured; it was officially announced today.

Hundreds of police searched 24,000 square miles of North West Germany. Guards on the German-Dutch frontier were warned of possible attempts by the men to get into the Netherlands.—Associated Press.

BAN BY IMPERIAL WIZARD

Atlanta, Georgia, August 9.

Dr. Samuel Green, newly titled Imperial Wizard of Ku Klux Klan, today followed up his unmasking order with a revocation of Klan charters in three cities along the Tennessee-Georgia border.

Green disclosed that he over-ordered Klansmen in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Trenton and Lafayette, Georgia, to turn in their robes. Their klaverns, he said, are under the imperial ban. It was announced that this was ordered at a meeting of Klan leaders in New Orleans.

Green announced that he approved the abandonment of masks for the white-robed organization. At that meeting also Green was made the imperial wizard rather than merely the Grand Dragon.

The klaverns which lost their charters have been connected with incidents for which Green, as leader of the Associated Klans of Georgia, has disclaimed responsibility.

The Federal grand jury last week in Rome, Georgia, indicted 12 Wade County men in connection with the beating of a group of negroes. Green said the Chattanooga klavern has been accused of participating in several raids on churches and hogfens. The Lafayette group, he said, staged an unauthorized parade on July 30.

The Klan leadership is apparently out to clear itself of blame for the recent incidents in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

Green has charged that the guilty parties disguised themselves as Klansmen in order to bring the Klan in disrepute.

"We've stood accused long enough for the law-breaking of other organisations," he said in a warning that any Klan-man found masked in the public would face banishment from the invisible empire.—United Press.

NEW MOSCOW FAIRY STORY

London, August 9.

Moscow Radio tonight charged that the British are recruiting former Nazis for a special police force to provide the nucleus of a new German Army.

"Only former members of the Hitler Party will be taken into these reserves," said the broadcast.

"They will be paid from taxation in the lands of the British zone."

It added that the police will make up the German contribution to the manpower pool for the Atlantic Pact.—United Press.

TEN MILLION IN COUNTERFEITS

Rio de Janeiro, August 9.

The Sao Paulo police today arrested a man who had 10,000,000 counterfeit dollar notes in his possession. The authorities are on the track of dollar counterfeiters, who are said to be operating from Argentina.

The arrested man said that he did not know any member of the ring except the person who handed him the notes, adding that he merely distributed them, usually to tourists or people going to the United States.—Reuter.

PERSIA-JORDAN AGREEMENT

Tehran, August 9.

Persia and the Kingdom of Jordan announced in a communique issued here today that they had agreed to co-operate on international problems, to safeguard peace and freedom on the basis of the United Nations Charter.

They had reached complete understanding on political, economic and cultural relations, they said.—Reuter.

NEPAL APPLIES TO UN

Lake Success, August 9.

Nepal today backed up her application for membership in the United Nations with a declaration that she is an independent, sovereign state and has been one for centuries.

The Security Council's Membership Committee had asked from the Nepal Government additional information, particularly concerning its sovereignty and independence.—Reuter.

PRISON RIOT

Madras, August 9.

Twelve prison officials in the Salem central prison here today were injured in a disturbance when Communist inmates threw stones and set fire to the prison buildings.

The disturbance was officially announced by the prison authorities. It was said that the trouble was caused by a group of Communist inmates who were ordered to be released.—Reuter.

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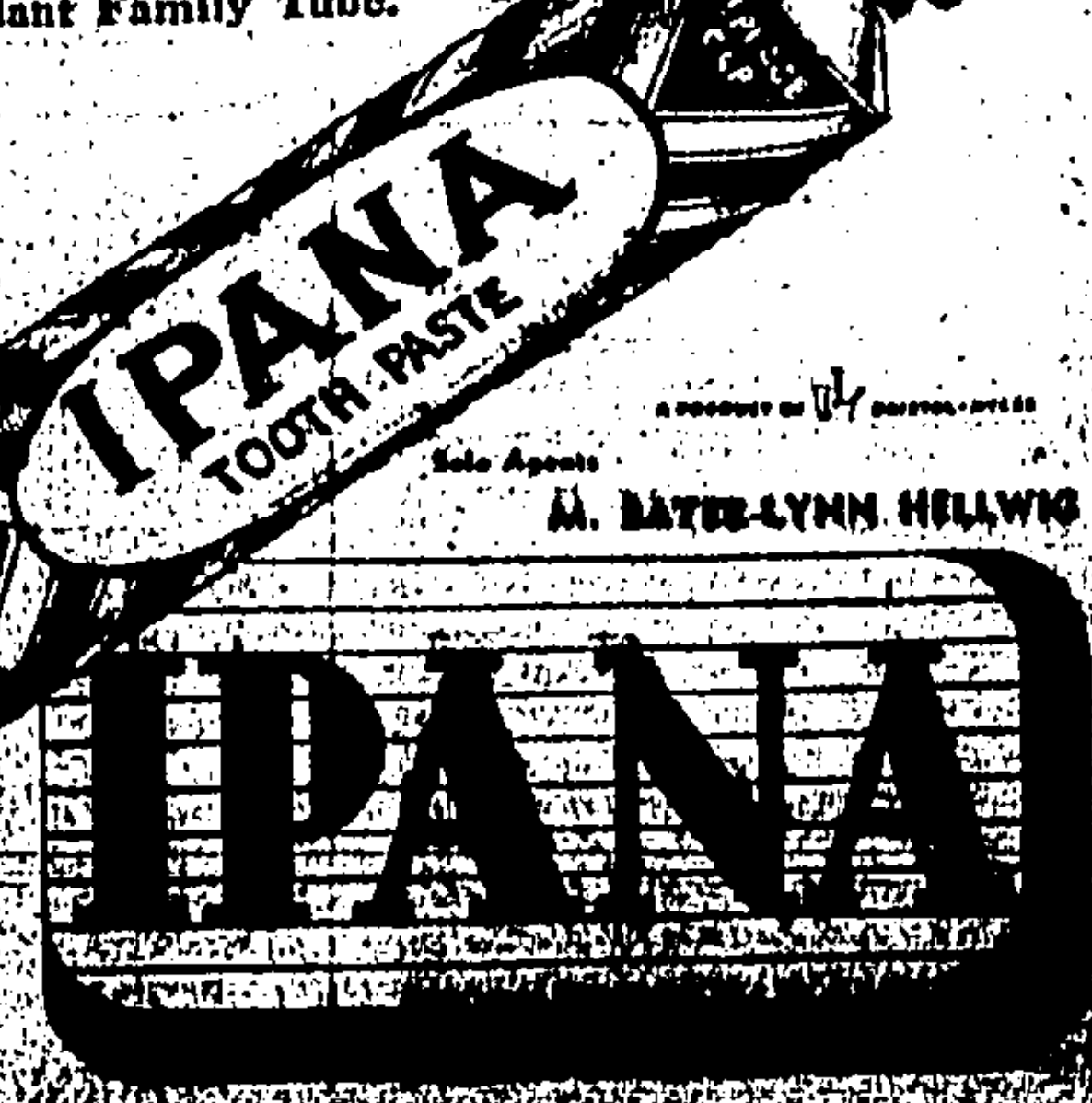


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QUIRINO ADDRESSES AMERICAN CONGRESS

Washington, August 9.

President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines today pledged his country to fight to the last man on the side of America in any new world conflict. President Quirino, who was dressed in a white suit, bowed his acknowledgement to applauding Congressmen as he mounted the rostrum to address the House of Representatives. He paid tribute to the help and guidance given the Philippine Republic by the United States.

"While many countries in the world are still at a loss to reconstruct or rehabilitate themselves, bewildered in the face of uncertainties produced by their troubled surroundings, the Philippines stand in the midst of a most distressed region as one, stable unit, a veritable haven of the many people of the Far East whose liberties have been threatened and longed for."

"We have been concentrating our attention on our internal developments. We have not lost a single moment or opportunity to enhance the stabilization of our economy."

"We have adopted a new ideology based on total economic mobilization as a means of providing our people with a fuller life of substance and contentment in a determined endeavor to improve our living standards, and in that manner contain and counter the onrush of a totalitarian system battering down the door of our neighbors," Mr. Quirino said.

As President Quirino spoke, battles of "move and press" tactics, recounted the scene. He said the recent war had revealed to the Philippines the quality of the freedom they had been fighting for, and to Americans and the world at large it had shown the character of the nation that had become its recipient and beneficiary.

Task Only Half Done

President Quirino said that the new Republic had refused to succumb to desperation.

"We have come out stronger, fortified in the blessing of democracy and freedom. We have risen from our prostration, disposed to anticipate and face the dangers of another possible world war," he said.

"But I can say with pardonable pride that the strides we have made during the last three years have more than eloquently vindicated our capacity to bear our burdens and obligations as a free and independent people," he said.

President Quirino, who was greeted in the Senate by the Vice-President of the United States, Mr. Alben W. Barkley, warned that the task of securing the free world is only half done.

Election Campaign Broken Up

Dachau, August 9.

A German Communist refugee leader, Herr Egon Hermann, was struck down and prevented from speaking when German refugees and Hungarian displaced persons broke up his election campaign meeting here today.

About 250 displaced persons intervened as Herr Hermann was about to speak. He took refuge in the police station, where displaced persons crowded round, demanding with threats that he should be handed over to them.

Spokesmen for the German refugee camp at Dachau later rang up Munich newspapers, claiming that they and not the displaced persons had played the most active part in breaking up the meeting.

"The Hungarians just cried the loudest, but we did the real stuff," they said—Reuter.

Pact Suggested For Middle East

Damascus, August 9.

The President of Syria, Field Marshal Husni Zaim, announced today that he is willing to sponsor an "Atlantic Pact" for the Middle East, provided that the United States pledges economic and military aid.

Syria's strong man, who has ruled the country since his military coup in March, told the Associated Press in an exclusive interview, that he is willing to take the leading role in creating a regional bloc directed against Communism.

Such a pact would provide a second line of defence behind Turkey, which the United States is now arming, he said.

Zaim said that he is not willing to have Israel, inside such a pact, because it would create a fifth column with Communist leanings.

Syria would give a positive assurance that any arms supplied for such a pact by the United States would not be used against Israel except in self-defence, he said.

The Syrian ruler said that he intends to fortify the Syrian frontier fully to avoid the possibility of future Israeli aggression.

A big army expansion has already made Syria strong enough to defeat Israel now if Syria is attacked, he said.

The President promised that the forthcoming Syrian Constitution would fully guarantee civil rights without qualification. He said that he hopes to achieve in Syria the modernisation and reforms that Atatürk brought to Turkey, but by evolution and not by force.

Syria wishes the United States to exert more pressure on Israel at Damascus, the President said, to bring a final solution to the Jewish problem.

The Jews are being obstinate, he said, and blocking the solution. The President said that he had asked the United States, France and Turkey, each to furnish military advisers in Syria and

New Concept Of Alliance In Pacific

Manila, August 9.

Quirino today that President Quirino's new concept of an alliance to contain Communism in the Far East would be a South East Asia Union rather than a Pacific Union with the possibility of Nationalist China under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek being excluded as a member. The newspaper said it was held as significant that the Philippine President's letter of instructions to Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo shortly before his departure for Washington to confer with President Truman made no mention of Communism, Chiang Kai-shek or China.—Reuter.

TURKISH RIVERS IN FLOOD

Ankara, August 9.

Three days of heavy rainfall sent two rivers in Giresun province on the rampage today, destroying bridges, flooding villages and starting landslides.

There was no report of casualties, but it was feared there was loss of life in some of the heavily wooded areas along the Black Sea coast. Some 300,000 persons live in the province.

All roads were washed out as the Yesil Irmak and Kizil Irmak rivers, swollen by the steady downpour, overflowed their banks and caused inland.

A lone Army transmitter was the only communication from the affected area.

Bridges tumbled into the flood and whole villages were reported inundated.

Flood waters were backing at the walls of Giresun Hospital and the evacuation of patients began as cracks appeared in the ceiling and foundation of the buildings.—United Press.

World Assembly Of Youth

Brussels, August 9.

Young people from five continents today ended an eight-day meeting here in which they set up a new international body to study and try to solve many common problems facing the youth of the world.

The delegates, totalling 150 from 39 countries, including the United States, have been attending the first meeting of the Permanent Council of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY). The idea was conceived by the National Youth Councils of the United States, Britain, France, Denmark, and Holland. They invited delegates to a conference in London a year ago and WAY was born.

The first task of this year's conference was to ratify WAY's Charter. Twenty-nine countries signed the document, which states: "The World Assembly of Youth is established in order that youth itself may study and focus attention on its needs and responsibilities."

"The Assembly is dedicated to the service of youth everywhere for the fulfillment of youth's responsibilities."

The headquarters of the organization will be in Brussels. The first General Assembly will be held in 1951.—Reuter.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN QUAKE AREA

Quito, August 9.

The Ecuadorian Cabinet today authorized a military rule where necessary in the earthquake area to prevent looting after the Army reported that Indians had threatened to go on a looting rampage.

Civil guards and police said that they would shoot without questioning anyone caught pillaging ruined buildings and fields.

A special Cavalry detachment was ordered to the Pelileo area to control the Salasacas Indians after the Army learned that members of the tribe planned to loot the ruins of the utterly destroyed city.

This tribe has a reputation for treacherous behavior when they drink heavily.

A North American diplomatic official, who has just returned from the earthquake area, said that the total deaths might reach 10,000 in the final count.

He said that half of the battered town of Pelileo, which still remains on its mountain site, is slowly sliding down into the valley.

Many survivors of the immediate quake destruction are dying of gangrene.

Some parts of the affected area are said today to be still "trembling," but whether this is merely the surface movement of the mountains settling down again is not known.

Volcanic Fumes

From the little town of Quero, which was also hit, inhabitants reported volcanic fumes spiralling out of splits in the earth.

The American Embassy at Quito reported to the State Department that the casualties in the quake are roughly estimated at between 4,000 and 8,000, although no accurate estimate is possible because many stricken areas are inaccessible.

Reports from Quito said untold hundreds are buried alive in rubble and most seem to be doomed. Great chunks of concrete which tumbled down in the earthquake trapped them and only mechanical excavators could free them but these are not available.

To get rescue crews into the towns whose roads are blocked, the Ecuadorian Government is considering dropping them by parachute. Reports added that "drenching rains increased the misery of the 125,000 homeless in the earthquake 70 miles South of Quito."

15,000 Dead?

The Ecuadorian Ambassador to Mexico, Luis Maldonado Tamayo, said today that radiophone advices from Ecuador to the Embassy indicated that the death toll in the earthquake might be as high as 15,000.

Senor Maldonado did not disclose whether the report was official or unofficial. Latest official estimate from Quito is that the death toll will be between 2,000 and 4,000.—Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

HEAT WAVE IN EASTERN U.S.

New York, August 9.

A heat wave with temperatures in the high nineties covered the entire Eastern half of the United States today.

Although a cool mass of air is moving towards the Mid-West, no relief is expected for at least two days. The temperature in New York at 4 p.m. was 97 degrees, breaking a 77-year record for the date.—United Press.

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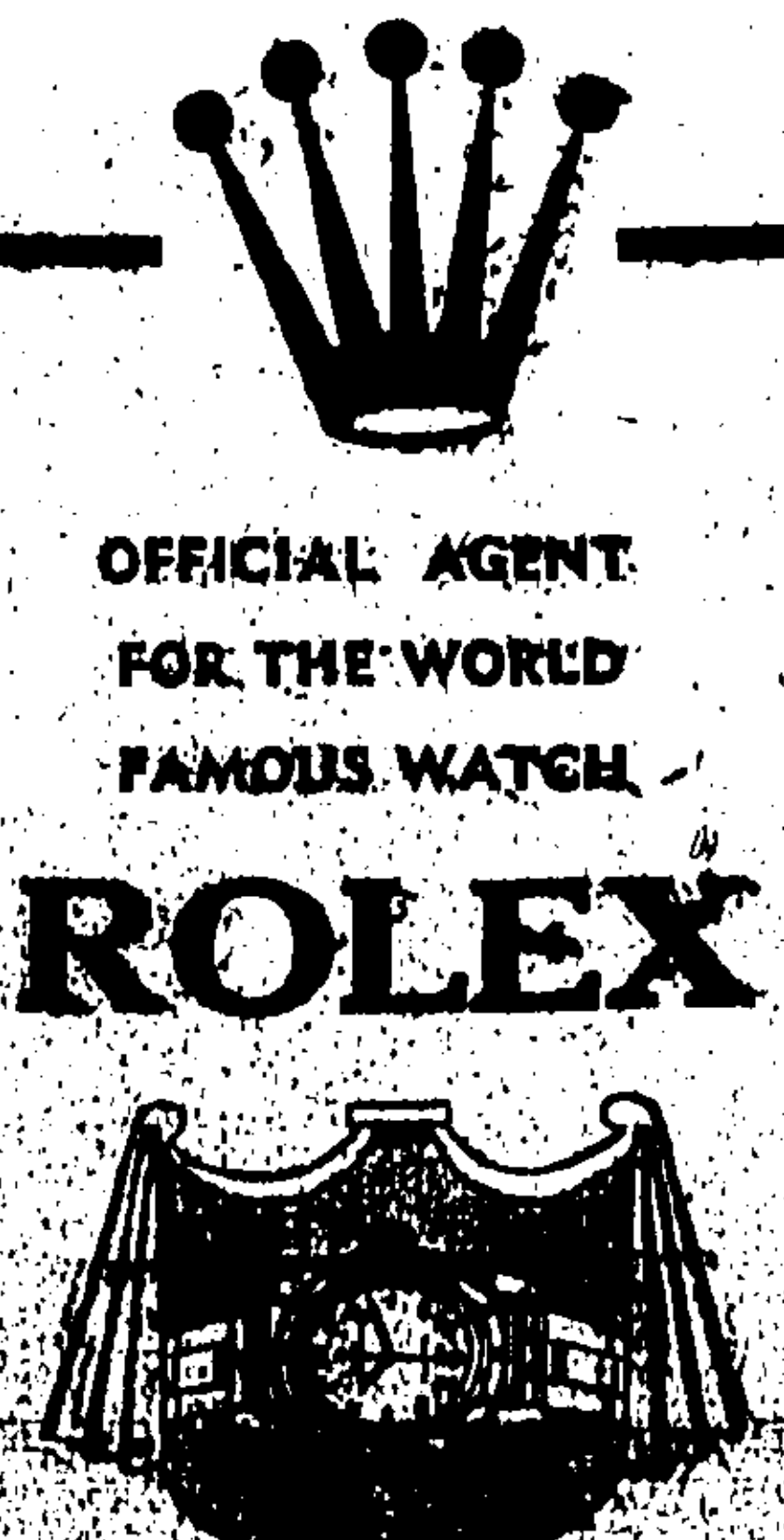
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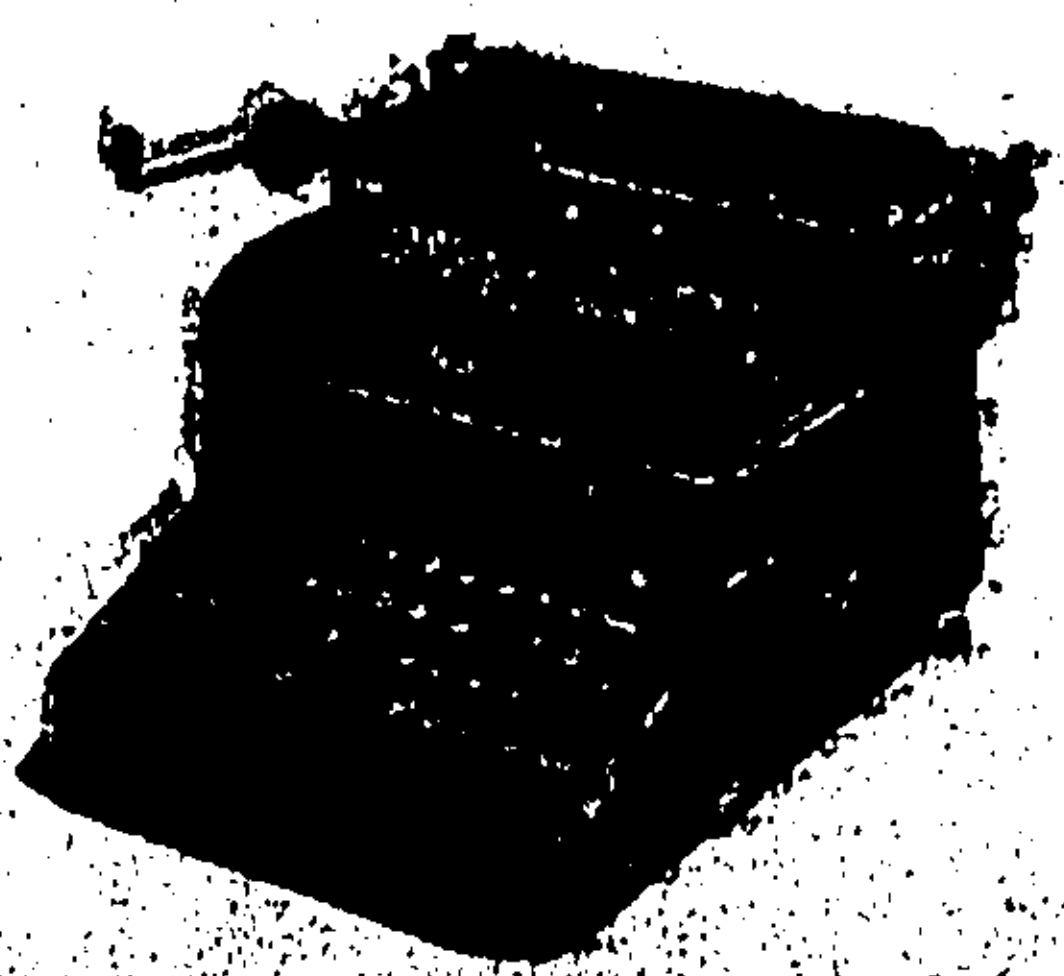
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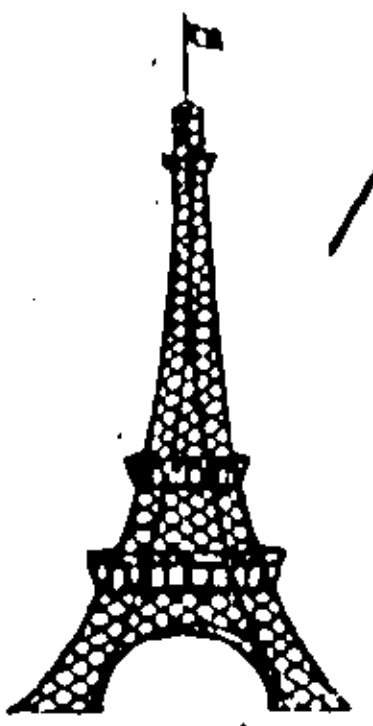
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RECOGNITION
OF THE COMMUNISTS

As the Red armies near Canton, the capture of which will enable them to say they have control of all China—at least as far as the cities go—the question of recognition of the new government by overseas powers comes into immediate prominence. A "China Mail" correspondent suggests today that Britain may grant this immediately the Nationalist capital falls, an eventuality expected within a fortnight. The Communists have not yet set up a central government, nor have they invited recognition, and in the circumstances we ourselves do not expect Britain to make an unsolicited offer, in spite of its desire to protect its nationals and vast industrial holdings. It is probable that before very long Mao Tse-tung, following the Soviet pattern, may make a pretence of consulting labour, arrange for a national convention to draft a constitution, and then seek recognition from the major powers.

For the time being, the United States and Britain are maintaining consular relations throughout China. This is standard practice in such a situation, despite abuses heaped on foreign officials. The consuls attend to the interests of nationals in their areas, and keep contact with Chinese municipal heads. But they are not in touch with the higher levels of Communist officialdom, this being forbidden by the Reds in the absence of diplomatic liaison.

The fact that the two Western powers continue to recognise the Nationalist government, which may well set up headquarters in some distant place in South West China, or more probably in Taiwan, once Canton is captured, may not be the least of the embarrassments when the question of recognition of the Communists is definitely posed.

The situation will be different from the case of the European governments-in-exile during the recent war, in that their countries were under occupation by a foreign power, whereas the Communists who are in the process of taking over China are in fact Chinese, even though the Kremlin may have a strong influence on their actions.

The problem will not be made any easier for the Western nations by the likelihood that Russia and her satellites will recognise the new regime at the first opportune moment. For that could be a complicating factor, not only from the standpoint of the West's interests in China, but also on such questions as the position of Chinese representatives in the Security Council and other organisations of the United Nations and international agencies in general. No doubt the friendly

A CHINESE COMMENTS ON
HIS COUNTRY'S CIVIL WAR

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Unhappy
Wives
Of Fayid

By
ALAN HUMPHREYS

Discontent among Army wives over living conditions at Fayid, in the Canal Zone, where GHQ Middle East Land Forces is situated, which has been steadily growing for more than a year, has at last boiled over.

A group of them have sent a long letter of complaint direct to War Minister Shinwell, and copies have been sent to some MPs. The unhappy wives of Fayid listed many grievances in their letter: restricted quarters, great lack of privacy, "excessive" charges, serious incidence of illness, and bad sanitary arrangements were the main ones.

First Experiment

But the basic fact which emerges from the letter and talks with wives is that the Army's first experiment in communal living hasn't been a success.

It is the continued living without escape from one another, the "no-home-of-our-own" feeling, which makes all the other matters appear so unendurable. And, of course, if families were housed separately most of their grievances would automatically disappear.

When, in 1946, it was decided in London that the British troops in the Delta would evacuate to the Canal Zone, the Army was suddenly presented with a most formidable problem—the rehousing of the transferred families and the provision of quarters for the large numbers of families about to come out from Britain.

Because of the very limited time and labour available it was found that the only way to house the families was to build communal villages. And so the Fayid "Married Families" Villages sprang up in the sand on the eastern side of the Canal Zone.

They were promptly named "The Butlins". Communal living, explained a GHQ officer, is a thing you like or cannot put up with at all. His wife added that the prolonged stay in "The Butlins" is causing those in the second category to suffer untold misery.

Five Villages

There are five villages at Fayid, each consisting of single-story, corrugated-iron-roofed blocks of eight bed-sitting rooms grouped round a "social centre". Three of the villages are for officers, two for other ranks, with about 60 families in each. Children are allowed one room. Those with children get two, sometimes three, depending on the number, age, and sex of the children.

The "social centre" consists of a dining room, lounge and library, billiards room, card room, dance floor, and space for a mobile cinema. But the letter to the War Minister explained, many families with two children are sleeping in one room so that they can have one proper living room where they can escape from the "social centre" into privacy.

Perimeter Fence

For those who abhor the system-life is now assuming something of the character of an interment camp as they grow more frustrated. The villages are all contiguous, and the whole area is surrounded by a high, double, barbed-wire fence about three miles in perimeter. The fence is, of course, for the protection of the families, and this is fully appreciated, but its effect is profoundly bad. It gives a splendid feeling of isolation, surpassed only by Dartmoor.

The cramped living, the desert, and the barbed wire are creating in some of the wives a kind of "Fayid neurosis". Another major complaint is what one wife called the ghastly sanitary annexes. The blocks of eight rooms are bed-sitting rooms only.

Built separately and a little away from the block is the "sanitary annex". This houses the bathrooms and the sanitary arrangements, which, because there is no main drainage, are rather primitive. A major's wife said of Fayid: "I don't like living like this. I'm tired of the food we get. I cannot get used to sharing the sanitary annex, I'm only putting up with it for the sake of being with my husband after the separation of the war years."

powers have already discussed these complexities, but whether they have achieved a unified front remains to be seen.

China's civil war will go on for many years, even when the invading armies have swallowed up Canton. The Communists will never be able to impose their ideology on the country successfully. They will eventually be driven out by the very nature of the Chinese people. There are already hundreds of thousands of determined guerrillas in the areas occupied by the Reds.

These rather sweeping statements were made to me by a young Chinese merchant who has travelled from Manchuria to Canton, and from Sinkiang to Shanghai. His bona fide is vouched for by a well known Chinese in Hong Kong who has known him all his life and says he is one of the many who have no political bias. Such men hate the Communists and despise the Nationalists, and only want to be left in peace.

Fung—although that is not his name—reminded me at the beginning of our talk that the Chinese dislike being troubled by officialdom, and that they do not like governments. Eighty per cent are semi-literate farming people, and it is they who have felt the biggest impact of Mao's new order.

In the villages, away from the eyes of prying foreigners and newspaper correspondents, the Reds are pursuing a policy of vicious intimidation. They may kill the head man, deport the younger ones for work elsewhere and try to "collectivise" the remainder. They know that they must destroy the family, basis of

Chinese life, but Fung believes that is one thing they cannot do, and that the people's opposition will bring about their undoing. Numbered and threatened at gunpoint, those that are left in the villages have for the moment no option but to obey. Children, youths and women have to attend regular "indoctrination" classes. Most of the strong, mature men have been moved. "My own village in Shanai, had 80 men," recalls Fung sadly. "Now there only 30 left."

Escape To The Hills

But in every area men have escaped to the hills, including students disillusioned by what they have seen of Communism. Many are armed, and all know that they are outcasts while the Reds are in power. They must fight for their lives, and this makes them formidable foes.

Fung estimates that there are now 100,000 guerrillas in Western Hunan, headed by the celebrated Li Shih-kwei, "The Ghost" as he is called.

In Shensi and Kansu in the North West are half a million Moslems, traditionally bitter haters of Communism. Headed by General Ma, their fighters are mostly cavalry, and like the Arabs whose ways they somewhat resemble, they are fierce and ruthless. "I cannot imagine them ever coming to terms with Mao," said Fung, "and they will never give in."

Typical of the harrowing strategy was the occasion they purposely left 200 horses in a

village about to be taken over by the Reds. When the invaders, delighted at the capture, had mounted, a watching Moslem scout blew his bugle and the trained steeds headed at a gallop for their masters, taking with them the helpless Communists, who were immediately executed.

Then there is the question of the hundreds of war lords, who cannot easily be liquidated. They are likely to put up a determined struggle to retain their privileges. They can be expected to be a thorn in the side of the conquerors for a long time to come.

When the Russians stripped Manchuria of so much valuable machinery after the war, they made implacable enemies of many Chinese. When the Reds now talk about "social-imperialism," referring to Britain and America, the people's reaction is usually to contempt, bitterly reminding themselves about what Russia did. And millions have never forgiven Mao Tse-tung for changing their flag into something resembling the hammer and sickle.

Cruel And Brutal

Chinese Communism, said Fung, is not the kind one sees in Western Europe and America. It is cruel and brutal. Little news about atrocities has leaked out, but he claims that actions of the People's Army in the interior are in many cases unbelievable. There have been instances of rebels being cooked alive and their wives or relatives made to eat portions.

There are three well-established stages of the Red administration of newly-occupied areas: 1. Troops are friendly and well-disciplined, to make a good impression.

2. The political stage. Each individual must write or have written an autobiographical sketch, which will eventually be checked, and if found wrong, the person will be regarded as an enemy of the state and will be severely punished.

3. Complete obedience is demanded, daily indoctrination of Communists theories, elimination of foreigners and "reactionaries," collectivisation and nationalisation—dictatorship of the proletariat.

China, as Fung points out, is potentially a rich country, but it is very poor today. It will take many years to develop, and the Reds have neither the skilled technicians nor the funds to do this. If they do not depend on the outside world—which seems inevitable but is so far rejected by the public utterances of the top men—the nation's millions will suffer under an even lower standard of living than at present for a very long time to come.

Knowledgeable opinions about Mao's capabilities are at variance, some saying that his obvious delusions of grandeur make him unfit for the tremendous tasks ahead. Typical of his attitude is a short poem he wrote and which he allowed to be published, glorifying himself as the greatest man in China's thousands of years of history. Compared with him, he says the emperors of the greatest dynasties such as the famous Chin and Han fade into insignificance. This, say the people with a wry grin, from a former library boy in Peking University.

His attitude to Hong Kong, says Fung, is complex. Propaganda is constantly issued, denouncing the flight of capital from China, and saying the territory must be returned to China, but privately he is believed willing to use the Colony for some years, as a supply base and contact with the outside world.



Pass Out of Nanking
"We'll let your Ambassador go, Marshal Philbin," said the Reds. "That need is greater than mine."

They are drafting a new constitution for a People's Republic in Budapest. Tired of being Hungry, perhaps.

To The Last European
Acherson thinks Europe is a "soft shell". Needs a bit of egg on, eh?

Due For Diamantling.
Another Adenauer Attack Against Allies. Speechmaker Someone Should Speedily Suppress.

"Lord Boyd Orr" says there will be 3,000,000,000 people on Earth in 1960.

I can only think on reading the daily news that the noble Lord is one of those super-optimists. We take the opportunity of saying "Thanks".

1950

"I took into my crystal ball—Of course I may be wrong—And there I see the Sec. of State Who sings a plaintive song: 'Sweet Syngman Rhee so dear to me Is gone for evermore. He used to live up in Korea. One White Paper before The one which I'm preparing now—'"

Alas! It seems to be The fate of all I bid defend The True Democracy! "Have you heard about Bill?" said one friend to another. "He trooped dead into a bar. 'Going in or coming out?' 'Going in.' 'What rotten bad luck.'"

Best For Big Shots
A Malay gangster is reported to have said that it would need a silver bullet to kill him. Chinese generals in their homeland have been known to thrive on these missiles!

Tovartich Could Not Take It
A Soviet Army major who said he was "feeling from Communist 'error' crossed the Turkish frontier."

The pink elephant turned back at sight of the demarcation line in search of more vodka, according to proletarian sources.

I was a bit puzzled one day to find Mrs. Stewart of the "Press" standing over a bar boiler in the street. "Awa hame tae yer mither," she says, "in" tell her I'll be up for dinner by one o'clock. I mairn tak' a sniff at this far first, it's the only thing that does ma asthma any good. The doctors dinna ken naething about it."

What Cooks?
Russia would like the U.N. to get out of Palestine. And leave the place to stew in its own Jews...

The new flag of Europe has a green "E" on a white ground. Sounds like one of those banners the U.S. Army and Navy used to award to war factories.

The "Troublesome Priest"
"We must have a quiet private word with this Quirino, said the Big Boys. After all, hasn't he heard about "oil for the lamps of China"? Even red lamps can be Standardised, and we prefer to let the picture develop.

Not for Mine!
New recruiting slogan in Australia: "Join the Army and see underground..."

This Is The Way
The Money Goes

By JOHN HALL

"It is time that British industry—both sides of it—look its shirt off, pulled up its socks, and made itself the most efficient in the world."—The Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, speaking recently at Abingdon, Berkshire.

Business men, cramped in a straitjacket of taxes, controls, and restrictions, are asking if the Attorney-General realises how much firms which try to make themselves more efficient are penalised by his colleague, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps.

The penalty is that companies are no longer allowed fully to cover the replacement costs of plant and machinery. Consequently, millions of pounds' worth of pre-war machinery and equipment which should be scrapped continues in use.

Workers' output is slowed down, efforts to cut prices are negatively, the export drive is seriously hampered.

Pre-war firms could set aside sufficient cash each year to replace worn out or obsolete machinery. Today they cannot do so without being heavily penalised because allowances for depreciation are based on what the machinery actually cost. And in thousands of cases the cost is a pre-war figure which bears no relation to present-day costs.

There are thousands of 12½ in. lathes in use in factories and workshops all over the country. One bought in 1934 would cost £800, and through the years it would have cost £1,200. In its workshop has been allowed to set aside, tax free, sums that would eventually total £800 against replacement day.

By now a lathe bought in 1934 will need replacing. But to buy a new one today costs not £800 but £1,500. The owners have been allowed to set aside only £800 they have to find an extra £700. Unless they borrow that extra—a costly process—they must find it out of working profits.

Profits Taxed

Here is the rub: With working profits taxed at 10s. in the £ a firm called upon to find £700 out of profits has, in fact, to take £1,400.

The dollar-winning Queen Elizabeth is a staggering example of how this hits firms which have huge replacement bills.

When the great liner came into service, that secret dash from the Clyde to New York in 1940, her value was reckoned at around \$6,000,000.

The Cunard company, therefore, is allowed to set aside certain sums each year so that when the Q.E. has to be scrapped there will be \$6,000,000 in the "kitty" to build a new liner.

Cunard chairman Mr. F. A. Bates estimates that to build a Q.E. today would cost at least £15,000,000—\$9,000,000 more than the company is being allowed to set aside. With tax on working profits of 10s. in the £ it would cost the company at least £18,000,000 to provide that extra £3,000,000 out of profits.

Four Years

On the basis of what Cunard made last year it would swallow the entire working profits for four years.

With or without consideration for shareholders—and the "pecking" of dividends has meant that the purchasing value of the cash shareholders receive is considerably less than pre-war—few firms can afford the huge extras out of taxed profits.

For months industry, through the influential Federation of British Industries, has been pressing the Government to rectify the anomaly, and allow firms fully to cover present-day replacement costs.

Industrialists say frankly: "Delay is dangerous. Only a small number of firms with huge reserves can afford the replacement costs that are necessary if they are to keep up to date and efficient."

The Customer

Footnote: Most shoppers, eyeing that "plus purchase tax" notice on the price tickets, feel that they know the other end of taxation—the customer's end.

But purchase tax is not the whole story. A progressive radio manufacturing firm has analysed the costs of one of its most popular table model wireless sets. Ex-factory price of the set is £16 4s. 4d., of which £4 14s. 3d. goes in direct taxation (P.T. company taxes, PAYE, and National Health).

Pre-war the ex-factory price of a comparable model was £7, of which direct taxation was less than £1.

Dry Spell
In Mexico

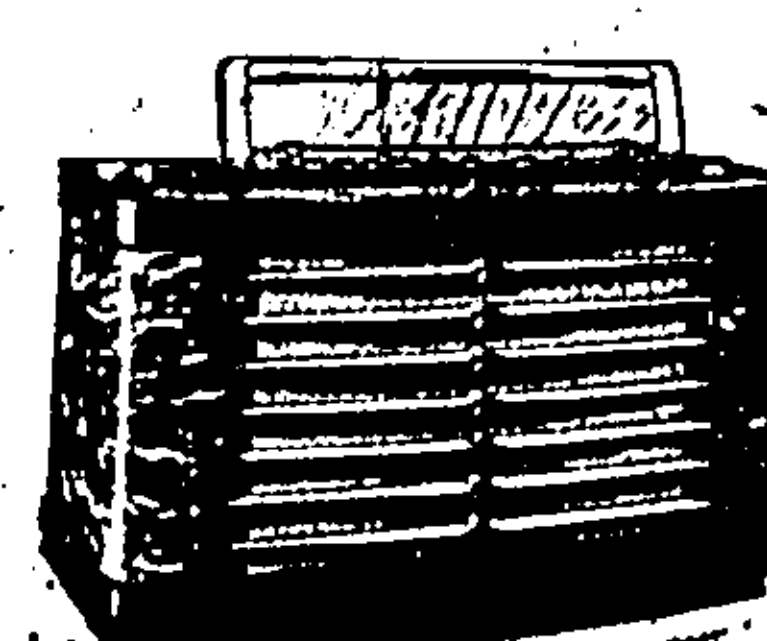
Venice—not the romantic Venice of the Adriatic—but Mexico, is facing extinction.

The problem is a shortage of water. For hundreds of years, writes Cecil Clark, Mexico's Venice, with its famous gardens, lakes and canals in Mexico City, has been one of the foremost beauty spots of the country.

Now, due to a prolonged dry spell and to a serious leakage of water from the canals, there is a danger that the entire system of waterways which date back to the days of the Spanish conquest, may disappear. Nor is that the only danger facing the capital City.

Drainage and the drilling of thousands of wells, say geologists, have taken so much water from the land that the whole of the fertile valley on which the City is built may one day be turned into a dust-bowl. Already, with the lack of water underground, the earth is subsiding, and houses and offices are sinking and cracking at an alarming rate.

Finally, in a dramatic attempt to prove their point the geologists predict that unless the water level is raised immediately the City may well become uninhabitable and have to be abandoned.



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COUNCIL OF EUROPE UP AGAINST SNAGS

Clash Between Rival Parties On Policy ASSEMBLY'S POWERS

STRASBOURG, August 9. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S 12 FOREIGN MINISTERS, FORMING A "CABINET" IN EUROPE'S FIRST VENTURE IN UNITED GOVERNMENT, MET THIS EVENING FOR A FINAL LOOK AT THE PROGRAMME FOR TOMORROW'S FIRST SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Two previous sittings yesterday and today brought the Ministers up against the main problems which divide the advocates of "go slow" and "get results" policies.

While the 101 delegates to the Consultative Assembly were wondering what scope they were to be allowed in discussing plans for European unity the Foreign Ministers still had to reconcile conflicting views among themselves on the Assembly's powers.

SWISS SPY FOR AMERICA

Berne, August 9. The Swiss Government today announced that a high Swiss Post Office official has been arrested for spying for a foreign power which according to unconfirmed reports, was the United States.

The Government, in a communiqué, reported that Emil Steiner, 59-year-old supervisor in the General Post Office, was arrested on July 15 for supplying copies of cables to a foreign power.

The communiqué did not name the power but reliable sources said it definitely was one of the Western nations.

The names of reports spread that Steiner had worked for the United States but there was naturally no way to verify this as nations never acknowledge their spies publicly.

The communiqué said that Steiner confessed to having been working as spy for a foreign power before and during the war, and right up to the day on which he was arrested. An investigation established that Steiner delivered military, political and economic data and was guilty of having violated his oath of official secrecy.—United Press.

"HULLO" GIRLS KEPT BUSY

Strasbourg, August 9. Hotel telephone operators here today estimated that their work has increased ten-fold since Strasbourg became the "capital of Europe."

Three girls, specially chosen for their knowledge of languages, say they handle as many foreign calls as they did local calls before this week.

Miss Charlotte Matter of the Nouvel Hotel, housing members of eight delegations, handles a stream of calls to Brussels, Rome, London, Athens and The Hague.

Miss Matter speaks French, German and English fluently. "It is thrilling to feel that our city is now the very heart of Europe," she said.—Reuter.

Monty Backs Up French General

London, August 9. The Western Union organisation tonight announced that Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, British Chairman of the Western Commanders-in-Chief, fully agreed with the statement made yesterday by his land commander, the French General de Lattre de Tassigny.

General de Lattre de Tassigny's statement said that while some varying conceptions had been brought to light the Commanders-in-Chief and their Chairman had always regarded their defence task with similar views.

Lord Montgomery saw the statement before it was issued, tonight's announcement said. Paris reports last week alleged that Field-Marshal Montgomery's conception of Western Union defence envisaged a line involving possible sacrifice of France's territory.

General de Lattre de Tassigny's declaration specifically stated that the Western Union leaders unanimously regarded their task as the achievement of an effective defence of all the territories of the five nations. The Paris reports were coupled with rumours of personal differences between the two men.

The basic issue is: Shall the Committee of Ministers confine itself to suggesting an agenda in general terms, leaving the Assembly to fill in the detail of what it has down the scope and shape of the agenda from the start?

Already there are signs that the Assembly will put up a struggle against the control which the Charter of the Council places in the hands of the Foreign Ministers.

Sitting as the Cabinet of the Council they are entitled under its Charter to decide what the Assembly should discuss. Even if by a two-thirds majority the Assembly suggested additional items for discussion, their suggestion would still have to be approved by the Foreign Ministers.

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The Ministers had also still to elect the Secretary-General to the Council of Europe and his assistant. The Committee of Ministers was this evening trying to resolve within its own ranks the struggle between the "right" and "free" agenda advocates.

Powers May Be Challenged

It was considered certain that the Secretary-General will be Camille Paris, of France, former Minister at the French Embassy in London and later head of the European Department of the French Foreign Office. He has been acting as provisional Secretary-General.

Mr. Aubrey Hallford of Britain, who has been acting provisionally as his assistant, is also expected to be confirmed in his post.

Some observers expect that the effective powers of the Secretary-General may be challenged in the Assembly if a proposal to appoint a separate Secretariat for the Assembly is made by the Ministers.

This proposal is likely to receive the support of many delegates belonging to the non-official European Movement. But there are others who see in it another means of concentrating undue authority in the hands of the Foreign Ministers.

Many delegates expressed surprise today that no one has any clear idea who is likely to be elected to the key office of President of the Assembly.

Open Field. The President and his four Vice-Presidents are a virtually responsible for the practical organisation of the Council during the main part of the session after

the Ministers have finished their work in Committee. The President is also responsible for naming the rest of his staff.

Yet less than 24 hours before the opening of the Assembly, few observers would care to take a bet on the final choice.

Names which have been discussed are M. Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium, Count Carlo Sforza of Italy, and M. Paul Van Zeeland of Belgium.

But there were indications tonight of a movement to choose a personality who had been less prominent in international affairs. As the Foreign Ministers carved out the final shape of the Council the considerations and halls of the University where tomorrow the Parliamentarians will meet, were the centre of much activity.

A Babel

Workmen bearing planks and tools collided with officials and delegates arriving for an advance view of the Chamber that will be Europe's debating forum.

Already a babel of languages echoed through the building as technicians tested the microphones and experimented with simultaneous translations. Painted notices were pinned up warning the public that anyone "expressing approval or disapproval" during the session of the Council would be instantly ejected.

A Post Office, a bank and a bookstall were set up at the entrance to the University. Radio experts installed their apparatus and electricians worked the giant floodlights that from tomorrow night will glare on the Parliamentarians from every corner of the galleries.

Irish Motion Defeated. Sean MacBride, the Irish Foreign Minister, raised a lone voice when the "Cabinet" of the Council of Europe met for an agenda item to determine the best methods of settlement of disputes between member States.

His proposal was rejected by an 11 vote. In the Preparatory Commission MacBride had asked for frontier problems to be considered, making it plain that the intention was to enable the Irish delegates to raise the issue of the partition of Ireland.—Reuter.

PEASANT UNREST IN CHINA

London, August 9. The special Hong Kong correspondent of the "London Times" today said that considerable interest has been aroused in Hong Kong by renewed reports in the Communist press of peasant unrest in the liberated areas of China.

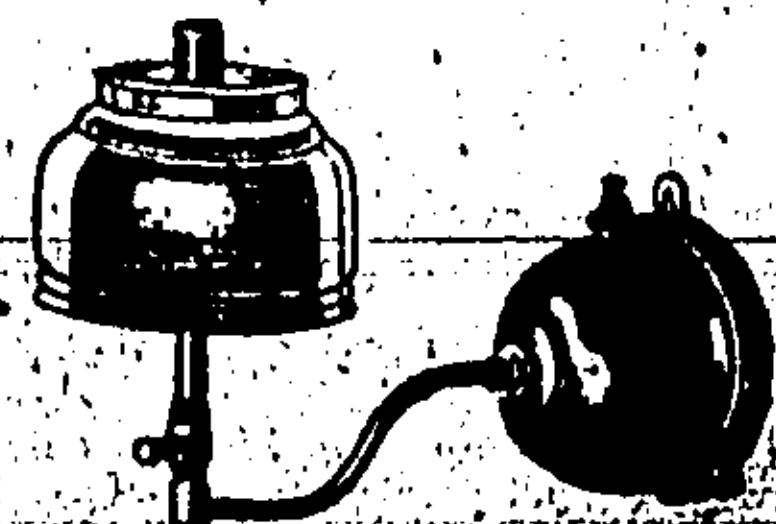
"After the publication of casualties inflicted on the rebels during three months of operations in Anhwei Province, a Communist newspaper in Yanking (on August 7) called for the mobilisation of large numbers of political workers and students to co-operate with the Communist troops in suppressing special bandits in the liberated areas," the "Times" correspondent added.—Reuter.

London, August 9. A Pakistan financial mission which negotiated a new trade agreement with Britain, is on the way home. Simultaneous announcement of details of the new pact will be made in London and Karachi soon.—Associated Press.

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Paying For The Council Of Europe

Strasbourg, August 9. The Council of Europe, one of the greatest constitutional experiments in history, will cost 148,000,000 francs this year—in soft currency.

The Committee of Ministers—the "Upper House" of the new "Parliament"—today approved a budget for this sum during the period ending December 31, 1949.

The cost will be borne by the 12 member States of the Council, in proportion to shares based on population.—Reuter.

WINSTON GETS BIG WELCOME

Strasbourg, August 9. A big, cheering crowd greeted Mr. Winston Churchill as he gave the V-sign in the main station square when he arrived here today.

He looked well after his holiday in Italy. He was smoking a big cigar and wore a light grey alpaca suit with a gay black and white bow tie.

So dense was the crowd that twice his way to the Mayoral car was blocked by enthusiastic Strasbourg young men and women, clapping hands and shouting "Vive Churchill."

Earlier on the main platform, Mr. Churchill had been welcomed by local dignitaries of the European Movement and his son-in-law, Mr. Duncan Sandys.

As he was about to alight from the train he paused for a moment and, as dozens of flash bulbs clicked, closed his eyes and smiled blandly to the accompaniment of enthusiastic cheers.

From the station he drove off to the villa which has been placed at his disposal by the Strasbourg authorities.—Reuter.

Russians Get The News

Moscow, August 9. Soviet papers today told of the meeting between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the South Korean President, Syngman Rhee, and the visit of the Philippine President, Elpidio Quirino, to the United States.

The "Pravda" headline said: "Forging aggressive Pacific Pact." The "Pravda" account said that the Chiang-Rhee meeting makes it clear that the "projected pact" according to the intentions of its organisers, must supplement the aggressive North Atlantic Pact and is directed against liberation movements in the Asian countries.—Associated Press.

Karachi, August 9. Pakistan is accepting an offer from the Government of Czechoslovakia for the services of Czech mining technicians to help in a survey of Pakistan's mineral resources. Previously, all surveying has been conducted by British technicians.—Associated Press.

HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION MAY BE DEBATED

Strasbourg, August 9. Delegates are organising tonight to demand a debate on the protection of the Rights of Man in Europe when the European Assembly begins its first session tomorrow.

The Committee of Foreign Ministers—the European "Parliament's" Upper House—earlier today voted down a proposal that the Assembly's agenda should include human rights.

Mr. Ernest Bevin (Britain), Sean MacBride (Ireland), M. Gustav Ramussen (Denmark) and Count Carlo Sforza (Italy) voted to open the subject to the Assembly. They were defeated by the votes of seven other Ministers, with M. Constantin Tsaldaris (Greece) abstaining.

The negative vote—a complete surprise—arose because the Ministers could not decide whether the Assembly should go so far as to discuss the creation of a European Court of Human Rights.

A complete project for the creation of a Court of Human Rights in a United Europe will tomorrow be distributed to all representatives by the European movement, which claims more than half of them as its members.

The project includes a Convention to be signed by all member States binding them to guarantee fundamental human rights to their citizens. The Convention specifies 11 basic rights, ranging from security of life and limb to freedom of speech and the "natural rights" deriving from marriage and paternity.

Right To Complain

It would give any individual or group the right to complain to the Council of Europe against violations of these rights.

Valid cases of complaint would be transmitted to a nine-man Court appointed by the Council and empowered to demand reparation for violations of the Convention.

The project was largely drawn up by Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, British Prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, with the co-operation of M. Pierre Henri Teitgen, former French Minister of Justice, and M. Fernand Dehousse, Belgian jurist.

A Court of Human Rights was one of 13 subjects which the European Movement submitted to the Committee of Ministers as equitable for inclusion in the agenda of the first session of the Assembly.

A European Passport

Among these subjects are: (1) The admission to the Council of Europe as an associate member of the German Federal Republic which is to come into being after the elections in Western Germany.

(2) Invitations to Switzerland and Austria and Portugal to join the Council.

(3) A separate Secretariat for the Assembly instead of the present Joint Secretariat for the Assembly and the Committee of Ministers. The European movement urged that this was necessary "to leave no doubt as to the Assembly's independent, democratic character."

CHINESE GET A BREATH

Manila, August 10.

The Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Mr. Gregorio Perfecto, has issued an injunction temporarily waiving the deportation of four alleged Chinese Communists who claimed they would be shot to death if they returned to Amoy.

The four men, who were formerly school teachers in Batangas, were to have been deported today.

They had been found guilty of Communist activities by the Deportation Board.

They filed a petition for an injunction with the Supreme Court in their final effort to remain here, saying they would remain in jail.

They said if they were to be deported, they should be sent to Communist-held Shanghai or to Hong Kong.

Mr. Perfecto's order will remain in force until the Supreme Court, sitting as a body, can decide the case finally.

The Chinese are Ng Bun Hom, Lu Bon King, Lim Sun and Gan Ping.—United Press.

POW'S FAMILIES PROTEST

Tokyo, August 9.

The families of Japanese internees and prisoners of war still held in Manchuria and Soviet territories assembled in a mass protest rally here today and formally accused the Communist authorities of planning to hold 400,000 Japanese in permanent slave labour.—United Press.

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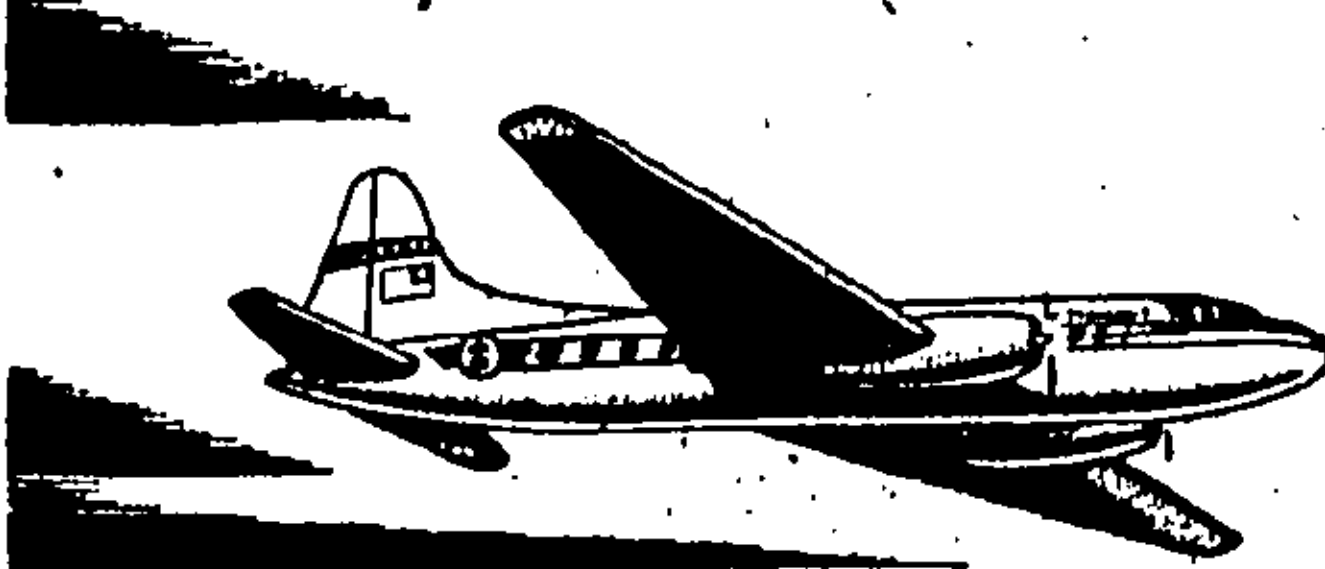
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Mobile Dock Generator

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In order to overcome this difficulty and to provide an adequate power supply on board ships in dock, the Southern Region of British Railways placed an order with the General Electric Co. Ltd. of England for seven mobile motor generators for service at Southampton, Dover and Folkestone.

A typical unit in operation at Southampton is illustrated.

Each set consists of a 50 kw. motor generator mounted in a weatherproof kiosk on a pneumatic tyre trailer, and weighs approximately five tons. When in use the trailer is supported on four jacks, and the kiosk is tilted with three wide doors which give access to all parts of the equipment. Interior illumination is provided by two 240-volt lamps mounted in bulkhead fittings under the roof.

The units are arranged to take an incoming DC supply at the available mains voltage (Southampton 480 volts; Dover 500



One of the sets in use at the Southampton Docks of British Railways, Southern Region. The equipment is seen from the switchboard side, on which are mounted the output voltage regulator and meters.

volts; and Folkestone 420 volts). Five are designed for a 110-volt DC output, and two for a 220-volt DC output.

The motor generators are fitted with compound and interpole windings, and have a true level characteristic at all conditions of loading.

A four-panel switchboard mounted inside the kiosk is fitted with a 500 amp. circuit-breaker of the line contact type, and a contactor type starter with push-button control is provided for the motor.

The incoming feeder is controlled by means of an ironclad switch fuse fitted with 200-amp. HRC fuses, and the three outgoing feeders are similarly controlled.

Ships owned by the Southern Region are provided with a terminal box on the upper deck for receiving the cables from the shore, this box being connected through an isolating switch and circuit breaker to the main busbars in the engine room.

One Man's Genius Creates Well Known Industries

One of the many Swedish undertakings which, from small beginnings, has expanded into world-wide industries that have made the name of Sweden respected and famous is undoubtedly the firm now known under the name of "AGA."

The creator of this industry, the late Dr. Gustaf Dalen, was an outstanding genius among the many extremely able scientists, engineers, technicians and workers Sweden has always had the inestimable privilege of possessing, all of whom have contributed to the country's progress.

In 1904, the Svenska A/B Gas-accumulator had taken over the patent rights for the exploitation of a French invention that had caused a considerable sensation in the world, viz. so-called "dissolved gas." The acetylene dissolved in acetone. However, this dissolved gas had the disadvantage that it was explosive, and it had caused several accidents abroad.

It was then that Dr. Gustaf Dalen appeared on the scene—the man whose genius was destined to develop AGA into a big industry.

After much experimenting he produced what is known as the AGA mass, a porous substance permeated with acetone, in which the acetylene gas is dissolved. Thanks to this mass, highly compressed acetylene can be transported in tubes without the risk of explosion. The mass became the first cornerstone of AGA's system.

Dissolved acetylene was first utilised as a source of illumination in the lighthouse service. The light-power was excellent, but its operation was uneconomical as the flame had to burn day and night.

Then Dalen invented the "flash apparatus" which so ingeniously extinguishes and kindles the flame and produces alternating periods of light and darkness, thereby causing a saving of 90 per cent of the gas consumption. The flash apparatus became cornerstone number two.

"Sun Valve"

Number three was the "sun-valve," Dalen's apparatus for automatically kindling the source of light on the approach of darkness and extinguishing it at dawn.

Finally, cornerstone number four Dalen's device for mixing the gas with air, which rendered possible the use of an incandescent gas mantle for illumination purposes. In conjunction with this device Dalen also invented an ingenious automatic mantle exchanger.

Thanks to these inventions the beacons need no attention other than once or twice a year, and yet they function perfectly. This is an immense advantage, of course, in the case of fairways where otherwise effective beacon

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Firola shutters of special design are made to meet the demand of the latest requirements of the London County Council and London Fire Brigade, whereby the shutters must be released automatically in the event of fire. This type is fitted with specially constructed patent, fusible link release apparatus, working in conjunction with the normal operation of the shutter.

The shutters are released automatically on the melting of the link which fuses at 155° Fahrenheit. The shutters descend slowly to close the opening, completely and can be operated thereafter normally.

This convenience permits the passing of hoses and firemen through the opening. The action of releasing the fusible link apparatus is a very simple one. This type of automatic release can be applied to both single and double push-up and mechanically-operated shutters. The apparatus and the parts comprising it are so small that they can be housed within the normal space occupied in the casing by the ordinary types of Firola Shutters.

When 'Bepo' Is In Full Operation

A 16-million electron volt double-field betatron, designed by the research laboratory of the British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd., Rugby, England, and constructed by the same company has recently been installed at the Glendon Laboratory, Oxford.

Betatron is an electron accelerator in which electrons in the form of cathode rays are injected into an increasing magnetic field. This field is arranged to maintain the electrons in a stable, elliptical orbit throughout an acceleration period.

During this period, the electrons encounter a large number of turns and pick up energy continuously by induction. The energy level of the electrons after acceleration is, therefore, thousands of times greater than that of the injected cathode rays.

Meanwhile, work at Britain's atomic research establishment at Harwell is proceeding. The new test pile, known as "BEPPO" is now in operation (the first three letters being the initials of the British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd., Rugby, England, while "BEPPO" was added for the sake of euphony).

It is an air-cooled pile and graphite is the moderator used. It is constructed on several hundred tons of graphite blocks, in which a large number of cylindrical rods of uranium metal are arranged in a regular lattice.

The operation of the new pile will mean that, in addition to the research programme which will carry out, large supplies of radioactive isotopes will be available later this year. Harwell has been producing radioactive isotopes since 1946, and the new pile will produce them in much larger quantities for export.

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REGIONAL MILITARY DEFENCE

Washington, August 9. The United States Chiefs of Staff found military leaders of Britain and eight Western European nations unanimous in favour of a regional military organisation under the Atlantic Pact, an informed source said today.

The proposed organisation was one of four plans taken to Europe by the United States Joint Chiefs, General Omar Bradley of the Army, Admiral Louis E. Denfeld of the Navy, and General Hoyt Vandenberg of the Air Force.

They returned today in President Truman's plane, "Independence," after 10 days of conferences in Europe and Britain with the Chiefs of Staff of nine Atlantic Pact nations.

The source said that the three top United States military leaders were pleasantly surprised to find that British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery and General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny of France are apparently in agreement on basic strategy for the defence of Western Europe.

This strategy is said to be based on building as much of Western Europe as possible in face of an enemy attack and projecting the defence line further East, United Press.

Belgian Crisis At An End?

Brussels, August 9. Belgium, which has been without a Government for more than six weeks, will have a Catholic-Liberal Coalition Cabinet before the end of the week, observers believed tonight.

M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Socialist who was Premier and Foreign Minister for two years in a Socialist-Catholic Coalition, will be replaced as Premier by M. Gaston Ryssens, a Catholic who is the present Premier-designate.

M. Paul Van Zeeland, a veteran Catholic and former Premier, will be Foreign Minister, it was believed.

M. Ryssens failed to form a three-party Coalition because of disagreement over the Royal question which, for nearly five years, has split the country. The Catholics want King Leopold back. The Socialists want him to abdicate.—Reuter.

VIETNAMESE ASSEMBLY

Paris, August 9. A Vietnamese National Consultative Assembly has been set up by a decree signed in Dalat on July 1 by Bao Dai, the ex-Emperor of Annam and head of the State of Vietnam, and made public today, according to an Agence France Presse report from Saigon.

The 45 Members and 25 substitute Members of the Assembly will be appointed by Bao Dai himself, but the decree states that free general elections for a Constituent Assembly will be held as soon as peace is restored.

A second decree, also signed in Dalat on July 1, and published today, divides Vietnam into three regions (Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina), each with its own budget and a Governor appointed by Bao Dai as head of the State.—Reuter.

SULTAN ACTS AS FAIRY GODFATHER

London, August 9. Recovering from an operation in an hotel here, the 75-year-old Sultan of Johore read about the story of a London mother's struggle to get possession of her 10-year-old daughter.

Today, the mother, Mrs. Mary McCarthy, walked out of the hotel with the Sultan's cheque for £200 in her pocket to enable her to fight the expensive legal battle for her daughter, Violet May, the "Evening News" reported.

"This only happens to people in books," she told the Sultan. "It does not happen to ordinary people. It just does not seem possible."

The Sultan told her: "When I read your story I said to my wife: 'This is bad, we must do something.' I sent my secretary out in a taxi to scour London for you but he failed."

"Then the next day we traced you. I want your legal representative to fly out to Trinidad immediately to get Violet May to you as soon as he can."

Violet May is in Trinidad, having gone there with her father, from whom Mrs. McCarthy obtained a divorce.

Washington, August 9.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg today called for a US\$580,000,000 cut in cash spending for arms aid to Western Europe during the current fiscal year.

The Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, believed this would be satisfactory to the Administration.

Senator Vandenberg proposed that the \$1,160,990,000 now asked by President Truman to rearm the Atlantic Pact nations be cut in half.

Under the Senator's plan, one-half of the amount would be furnished by Congress in cash for spending in the fiscal year 1950 and the remainder in contract authorisations for future spending.

The proposal does not mean a reduction in the total of the \$1,430,000,000 programme proposed by the Administration. The remainder of the total would go for arms for Greece, Turkey, Korea, the Philippines and Iran.

Mr. Johnson said he could give an almost categorical "yes" to Senator Vandenberg's suggestion, but he asked permission to withhold a flat answer until his experts could figure the results of such a cut in each outlay.

Senator Vandenberg's suggestion came after Mr. Johnson told the Joint Senate Committee that Western Europe's defence offered a great temptation to the Soviet Union and was an extremely potential danger to the United States.

The Republican foreign policy leader broached his suggestion because of the temporary problem which now confronts Congress. He chose to bring forward the proposal without the jurisdiction of the Atlantic Pact Defence Council, he said.

Time Essential

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, told the Committee today that for the first year of programme, only about 50 per cent of the announced arms programme could be completed, with the remainder of the programme being planned to come along later.

Mr. Johnson had said earlier that those who want a stop gap programme until the Atlantic Pact is in operation overlooked two primary factors:

1. The five Western Union countries who provide the bulk of any European defence have already formed integrated war plans and a unified organisation. The Western Union is a paper organisation, it is a working reality, he said.

2. Time is essential and now is the time to save time because months have now passed and only months but lives are at stake.

Mr. Johnson told the Committee: "Congress can authorise dollars now. It can never appropriate time."

He reminded the Committee that he expects the arms programme to run for four or five years and, having emergency, he hopes spending will be cut yearly. The assignment of military equipment had been planned in relation to the natural logical mission which each Atlantic Pact member would be called on to fulfil because of its geography, present strength and future capabilities.

He noted that Britain, France and Belgium have an integrated plan and unified defence organisation, adding that these five nations are and must continue to be the hard core of Europe's defence.

Democratic Senator Harry Byrd also voiced a suggestion for tightening up the arms for free nations programme. Maintaining that the Administration could label almost anything as surplus and ship it to Europe at cut rate prices, Senator Byrd wanted a dollar limit on such shipments to be written into the arms bill.

TRANSFER OF FRENCH INDIA

Chandernagore, August 9.

M. Jean Chandon, Commissioner for France's Indian settlements, today assured the Chandernagore Administrative Council that the de facto transfer of Chandernagore to India will be made as soon as a draft treaty has been drawn up in New Delhi between the Governments of India and France.

The Judicial and Administrative Departments of the territory were today transferred to the charge of Mr. Deben, President of the Administrative Council, on the orders of M. Chandon.

Both Departments had hitherto been controlled by the French Administrator, M. Tailleux. Orders from M. Chandon also transferred the charge of the Municipal Police to the Council and empowered the Council to take assistance from the West Bengal Government to maintain law and order.

The Council has decided to take over this charge from August 14, eve of the anniversary of Indian Independence.—Reuter.

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Rumanian Flees From Communism

Istanbul, August 9. A Rumanian pilot who unexpectedly ended his day in Istanbul yesterday was applied to the Turkish authorities for asylum.

Aged 35 and employed by the Rumanian civilian air service, the pilot said that he had decided to choose freedom as the Communist pressure in Rumania is insufferable.—Reuter.

DAMASCUS BOMBING PROTEST

Lausanne, August 9.

The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine transmitted to the Syrian delegation in Lausanne today a protest of the Israeli Government against the bomb outrage in the Jewish quarter of Damascus last week.

The protest had been handed to the Commission by Rev. Shiloah, head of the Israeli delegation here seeking a peaceful settlement with Israel's Arab neighbours. The protest had apparently been sent to Lausanne by the Israeli Foreign Office because Israel does not have diplomatic relations with her former enemies.

Negotiations here in the Arab-Jewish dispute remained at a standstill today. Some officials took the view that the ceasefire could be accomplished here until after the meeting of the Arab League in Alexandria on August 20. All the questions under discussion here will be considered by the League at this meeting.

In Damascus, President Huzni Zaim of Syria told the Associated Press today that a 17-year-old Syrian conscript of the Palestine war had confessed that he and two friends threw hand grenades into a Damascus synagogue last Friday.

Twelve Jews were killed and between 10 and 30 wounded in the bomb attack.

Zaim said that the three criminals are now in prison and will be judged and condemned to death if the evidence so indicates.

The Government have put sufficient forces into the Jewish quarter, fully to protect the city's 18,000 Jews in future, he said. "Syria has no uninvolved Bernado to case. Justice will be protected of whatever religion," the President said.—Associated Press.

Uranium Found In Powder

Milan, August 9.

The Milan police announced today that traces of uranium had been found in a quantity of powder offered for sale in Italy as uranium-235—a vital atom bomb material.

Several days ago the police arrested a man who was said to have offered to sell uranium-235 to the Italian underworld. A laboratory analysis of the powder showed traces of uranium but not uranium-235, the police said today.

They added that the man had said that he bought the powder in Marseille from a German working in a German nuclear research establishment.

Counter-espionage agents are continuing inquiries with the help of the French police and the occupation authorities in Germany.—Reuter.

American Army's War Games In Western Germany

Frankfurt, August 9.

The United States High Command plans to throw large forces of combat troops into manoeuvres in Western Germany this autumn, it was disclosed today.

The war games, to be staged between the Rhine and the Elbe, two of Europe's natural defence lines, are expected to answer an important question posed by the Atlantic Pact: "Can Western Germany be defended and how?"

Military experts said the answer depends to a large extent on where the Western democracies' defence line against possible aggression from the East is drawn.

By using a large troop force in the manoeuvres, the Americans hope to determine if their highly mobile German garrison can defend the military vacuum Germany presents today.

It is expected that the experiences of the U.S. Army in the manoeuvres will have considerable bearing on differences between Britain and France on where Western Europe should be defended.

The British, remembering the Battle of Britain, are reported to feel that substantial forces should be held behind the English Channel, in the British Isles.

A Vacuum

According to military sources in Germany, the French favour fighting an all-out battle for Western Europe further East—on the Rhine or the Elbe.

However, military men pointed out that if Europe were defended on the Elbe, all of Western Germany—now thoroughly demilitarised—would be a vacuum immediately behind the defensive lines.

For the first time, "junior" joint chiefs of staff representing the Army, Navy and Air Force, will direct combat forces.

In previous large-scale exercises in Germany, the "enemy" forces were imaginary and GIs mostly fought paper battles.

West Europe Observers

However, in the planned manoeuvres, units from well-armed U.S. Constabulary combat teams will take the field against the defending "friendly" troops.

The lessons learned are expected to be passed on to the Western European nations, who will send observers.

Lieutenant-General Clarence Huebner, who will direct the manoeuvres, is reported to be due for a top post in the military organisation set up by the Western democracies.—United Press.

OBJECTIVE OF KAREN DRIVE

Rangoon, August 9.

Official reports from Hmawbi, 30 miles North of Rangoon, today identified the rebels most active in the area as Karens who are apparently testing the Government's strength as a prelude to an offensive for the North Rangoon suburb of Insein, whence they were driven earlier this year.

The Burma Army, who released the reports, said that the Karens attacked Hmawbi between Trawbi and Tantabin, losing 20 killed and three wounded. They added that this was the second attack upon the town.—Associated Press.

RAZAKAR LEADER ON TRIAL

Hyderabad, August 9.

The trial of Kasim Razvi, the former leader of the Hyderabad Police Razakar Organisation, and two others accused of the murder of Shoaibullah, a Hyderabad newspaper editor, during the Indo-Hyderabad crisis, opened here today before a special tribunal.

The prosecution refused to disclose the list of prosecution witnesses and what evidence they expect to submit on the grounds that State Laws forbid such a procedure.

The tribunal adjourned until Wednesday after a two-hour heated discussion with the Defence Council objecting to the prosecution stand.

Earlier, the tribunal had refused permission for the defence of Razvi to be presented by a British KC, Mr. G. D. Roberts and a London Counsel, J. E. Lewis, who had been briefed by Mrs. Razvi.

The tribunal ruled that enough local representation is available and that this was no ground for reversing the High Court's refusal to enrol them.—Associated Press.

Pontiff's Letter To German

Frankfurt, August 9.

In a hand-written letter to the German Bizonal chief executive, Dr. Hermann Puender, Pope Pius XII declared: "We see of what decisive importance the German problem is for the establishment of a lasting peace."

The Pope wrote to Dr. Puender to thank him for his congratulatory message on the occasion of the Pope's fiftieth year in the priesthood.

"If, for the alleviation of the material and spiritual distress of the German people, we did what has been within our power, we did it, because we know the German people from long years of our own experience, and because we see of what decisive importance the German problem is for the establishment of lasting peace," the letter said.—Reuter.

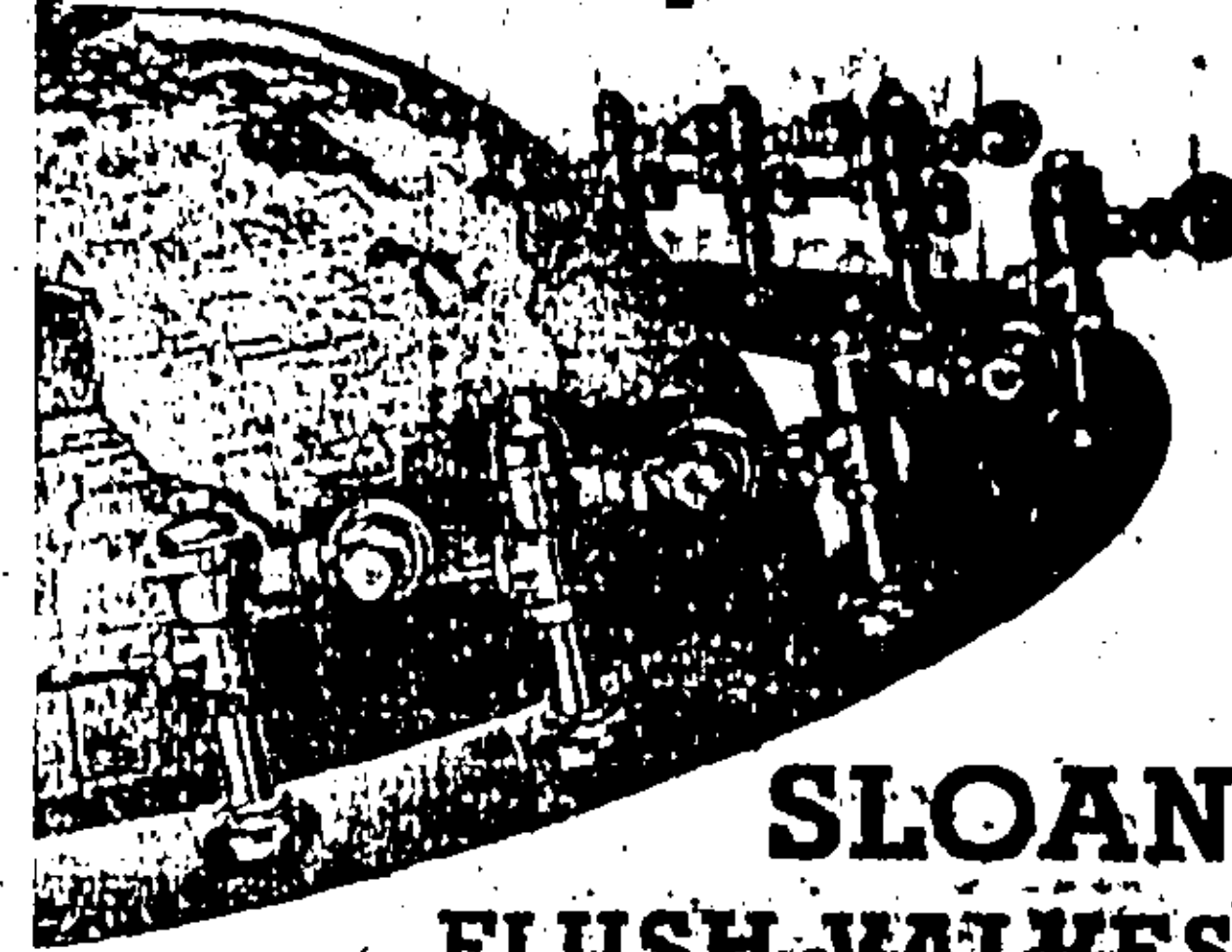
ESCAPES FROM REFORM SCHOOL

Manila, August 9.

Eight young inmates of the Girls' Training School in Mandaluyong, immediately East of Manila, escaped on Sunday evening, it was reportedly reported to the Manila Police authorities today.

The reform school escapes, whose ages range from 13 to 18, have not yet been found.—Reuter.

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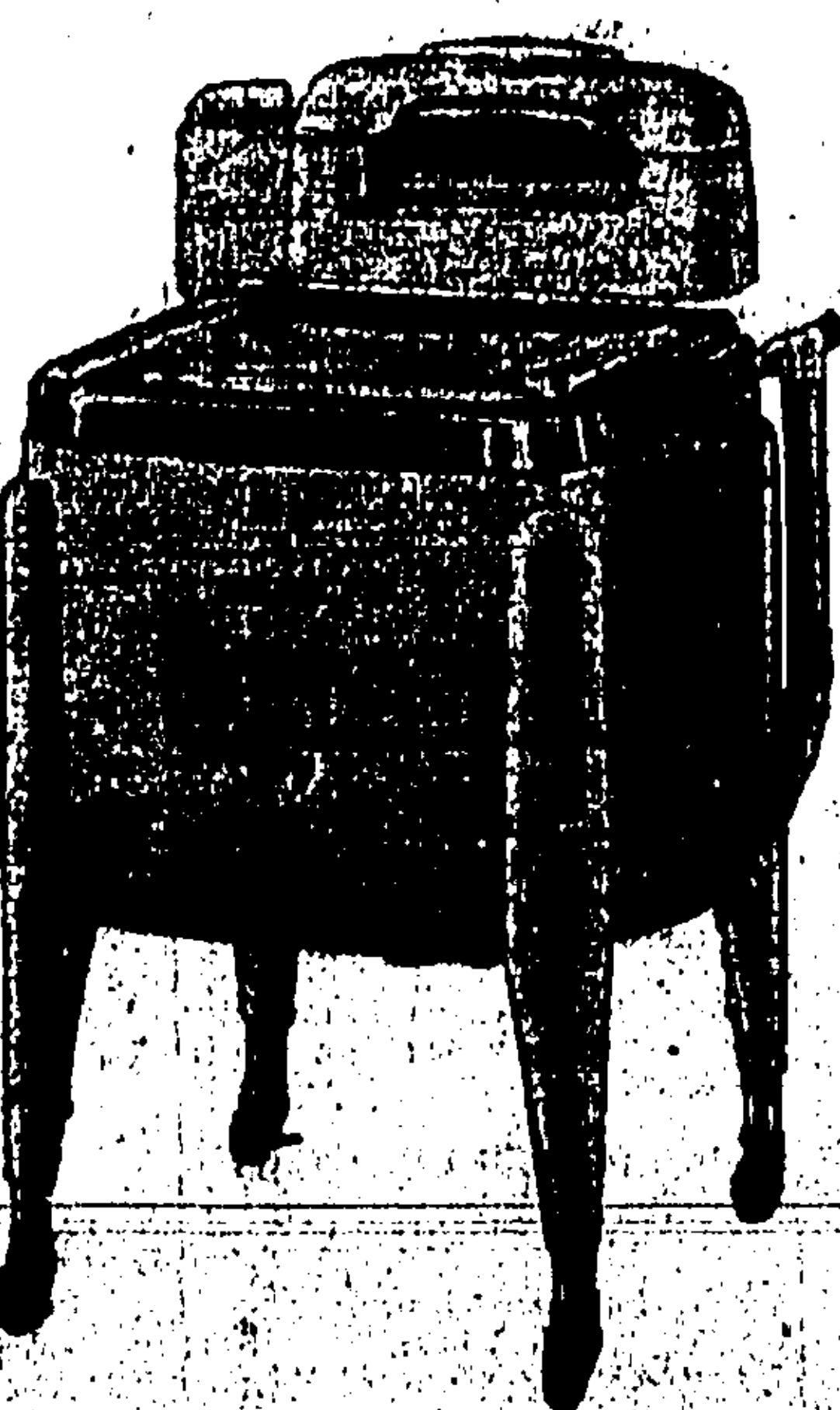
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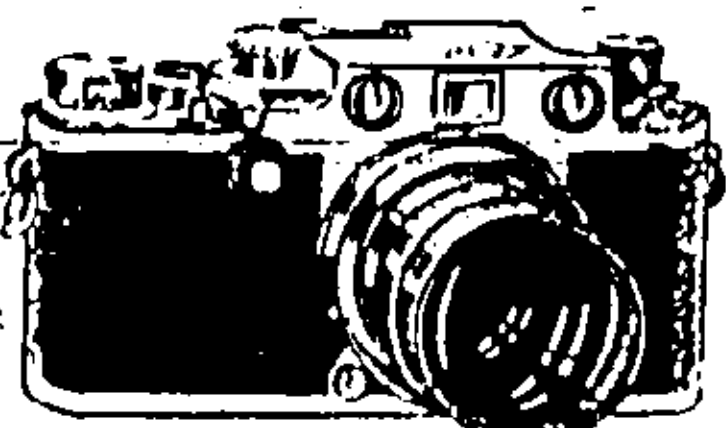


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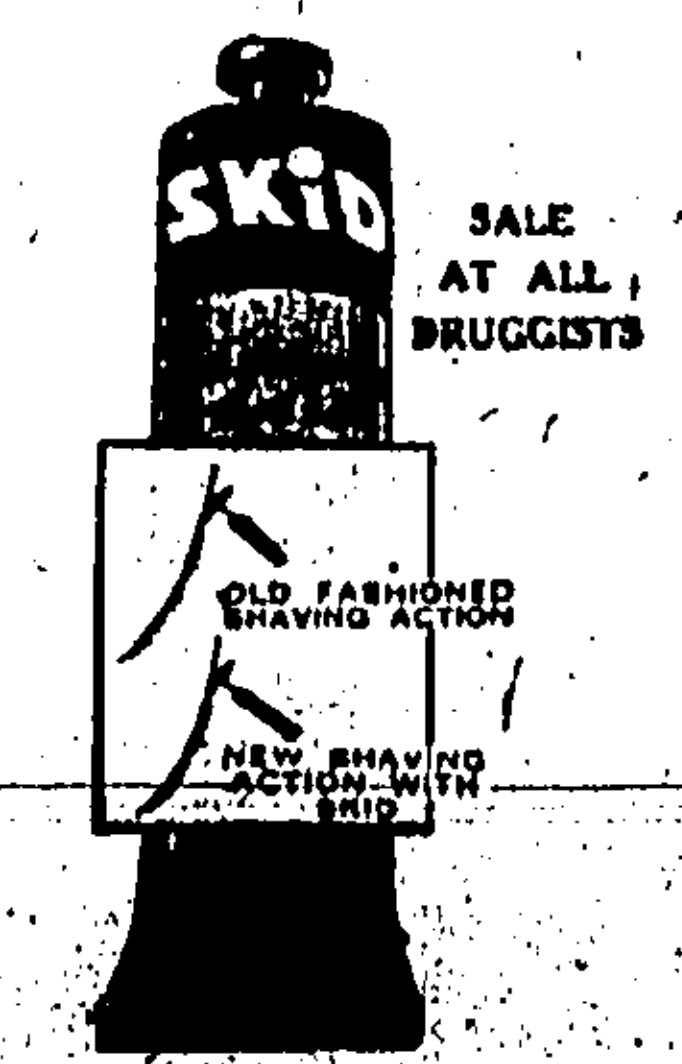
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HAGUE PREPARES FOR TALKS ON INDONESIA

The Hague, August 9.

Final touches are now being put to the plans for the Indonesian round table conference due to start here on August 22. The delegates are arriving by air almost every day, and the four leading hotels here are filling up.

Until last week, the only certain thing about the conference was that it was to be held in the group of mediaeval buildings in the centre of the city known as the Binnenhof, or inner court.

Plenary sessions will be held in the Ridderzaal, or Hall of Knights, where the State Opening of a joint session of Parliament by the Queen is held every September.

Ordinary meetings, committee meetings, and informal discussions will be held in a dozen smaller but equally historic rooms. The Dutch Government have for some weeks been drawing up tentative plans covering the main working details of the conference.

But as the Government wished to avoid every appearance of presenting the visiting delegates with a cut and dried scheme, most of the proposals have been held for final confirmation by the leaders of the Republican and Federalist delegations, by Dr. J. Van Royen, who negotiated the preliminary agreement in Batavia, and by the members of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia.

That means that at the moment there is no agenda, no rules of procedure, no chairman, and not even a decision on how or by whom the conference will be opened.

ISRAEL BUYING UP ARMS

London, August 9.
Israel's Foreign Office has sent high-ranking officials to both sides of the Iron Curtain in search of arms and ammunition.

Gershon Hirsch, acting head of the Western European Department of the Israeli Foreign Office, is at present in London after visiting Paris, Brussels and the Hague.

S. Eliashiv, head of the Eastern European section of the Foreign Office, is at present in Moscow.

Israeli sources said both emissaries are trying to purchase arms for Israel as it is feared the Arab states would stage a large-scale armaments race as soon as the Middle East arms embargo is lifted.

British Government sources are aware of the Israeli officials' missions.

British officials said, however, that they do not anticipate a large-scale arms race because both Arab and Israeli monetary resources are limited in this respect.—United Press.

Holiday Swimming Tragedy

Sarnen, August 9.
A young English engineering student was drowned last week while swimming in the lake here with his father, the Swiss police announced today.

Cedric Virreels, aged 22, of London came to Sarnen for a summer holiday with his father, Hector Virreels.

Father and son took a boat on Sarnen Lake last Thursday. They jumped into the water for a swim when they were about 300 yards off shore. A sudden squall drove the boat off and the two were unable to swim back to land.

Several boats came to rescue them. Only the father, who recovered after first aid treatment, was found. No trace has been found of the son, who is presumed to have drowned.—Associated Press.

DIPLOMATS TO BE WED

London, August 9.
Christopher Mayhew, Under-secretary for Foreign Affairs, will be married, on Friday to Miss Cicely Ludlam, a member of the permanent United Kingdom delegation to the United Nations. The wedding will take place at the Felthorpe Parish Church, Norwich.

Mr. Mayhew, who is 33, and Miss Ludlam, 25, met in Geneva in May. Their engagement was announced a fortnight ago. Miss Ludlam is the first woman to qualify as a permanent member of the Foreign Office diplomatic staff.—Associated Press.

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Dutch Delegation

It is felt that there will be little difficulty in coming to a formal agreement on methods of procedure after the Republican Premier, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, arrives here.

Another unsolved problem is the composition of the Dutch delegation. Some weeks ago the Overseas Territories Minister said that the whole Dutch Cabinet would comprise the delegation, with perhaps close advisers from the chief political party leaders of all the main political parties and expert advisers. The Cabinet, as such, would then act as final arbitrator on controversial points.

A secondary reason for delay in announcing the Dutch delegation is believed to be difficulty in getting the exact composition of the Republican and Federalist delegations. The Dutch Government was anxious that all sections, especially the minorities in Indonesia, should be represented. If any of these were omitted from the Indonesian delegations the Dutch delegation would try to give them representation.

Choice Made

Uncertainty about the exact date of the conference as well as of the agenda were additional delaying factors, while it is also clear that the Cabinet wished to discuss with Dr. Van Royen the probable trend of the conference discussions before making a final decision on the Dutch delegates.

Most of these factors have disappeared in the past few days, so that the names of the Dutch delegates will be announced very shortly.

It was understood tonight that the final choice has now been made and that the full delegation will meet tomorrow.

It seems certain that the Minister of Overseas Territories, Dr. Johannes Marneken, will be the delegation's chairman, with Dr. van Royen and the Foreign Minister, Dr. Dirk Stikker, as vice-chairmen.

The technical arrangements are far advanced, such as the Secretariat, communications, transport, entertainment and the press. The Secretary-General of the conference is Dr. M. J. Prinsloo, who has already set up a large office to accommodate his staff of 60.

Four Languages

A working press centre for 100 journalists is being set up, continuously manned by official Public Relation Officers. Special additional press relations officials have also been nominated to deal separately with the foreign, Dutch and Indonesian press.

Press facilities include 12 special international telephone lines and many extra local connections, radio installations, interviewing booths and a post office.

The official languages of the conference will be Dutch, Indonesian, English and French. Most of the discussions, however, are expected to be in Dutch, and the communications and important releases in Dutch, Indonesian and English.

The delegates will be given every facility to tour Holland and make visits to factories, farms and cultural institutions. Special food is being provided for the Indonesian delegates including rice.—Reuter.

MacArthur Not To Be Recalled

Washington, August 10.
The Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, told the Senators today that he will not order General Douglas MacArthur home from Japan to report to Congress unless President Truman approves.

Senator Styles Bridges, Republican, said General MacArthur should come back whether he wants to or not to give a report on the Far Eastern situation.

Mr. Johnson and Senator Bridges clashed sharply as the Secretary testified on President Truman's \$1,450,000,000 arms programme.

Mr. Johnson said he would not have the responsibility of ordering General MacArthur back.

Senator Bridges had proposed that General MacArthur and Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger, Naval Commander in the Far East, be recalled to Washington.

Senator Kenneth Wherry suggested to Mr. Johnson in a letter, meanwhile, that General MacArthur be permitted to return home to help start a future policy on China and the whole Pacific.—Associated Press.

Scientists To Study Living Standards

Lake Success, August 9.
Some 500 scientists will study ways and means of raising standards of living throughout the world when the United Nations conference on the conservation of resources opens here on August 17.

India will have 50 representatives, Britain is sending 27 delegates, France 20, the Arab countries 10 and Israel seven.

The Soviet Union has informed the Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, that she will not take part.—Reuter.

RED CHARGES ALL NONSENSE

Washington, August 9.
Mr. William Douglas, Associate Justice, said today that Russian charges about his recent tour of the Middle East were a lot of nonsense.

Russian-inspired stories from the Middle East accused Mr. Douglas of being on a spy mission as he and his 17-year-old son, William Jr., hiked in Iran, Greece, Turkey and parts of Israel.

Mr. Douglas called on President Truman today to tell about his trip and show him pictures his son made on the trip. The pictures included a snapshot of a Missouri mule on the Northern Greek border, where the Greek Army was fighting guerrilla forces.—United Press.

"HOT" WAR COMES TO AN END IN INDONESIA

Batavia, August 9.

Cease fire orders come into effect throughout Java at midnight tomorrow, marking the end of the "hot" war in Indonesia.

The Central Joint Board, which was established to observe the implementation of the cease fire, held its first formal meeting here today.

The Board consists of members of the United Nations Commission on Indonesia and senior military advisers, together with four representatives each of the Netherlands and the two Indonesian Nationalist factions—the Republicans who favour sovereignty in the literal sense, and the Federalists, who favour co-operation with the Dutch.

The Central Joint Board observing the cease fire has arranged to establish 13 local joint committees throughout Java and Sumatra, which will try to solve any cease-fire problems at a local level.

The cease fire agreement provides for co-operation between Republican regulars and Dutch forces against irregulars, guerrillas and bandits.

The Republican delegation here announced today that the Republican Military Mission to West Java, accompanied by observers of the United Nations Commission, delivered the cease fire order on August 5 to the Republican Commander.

Orders Will Be Carried Out
The Commander told the Mission: "The Army will maintain discipline and all orders will be carried out," the Republican delegation here said.

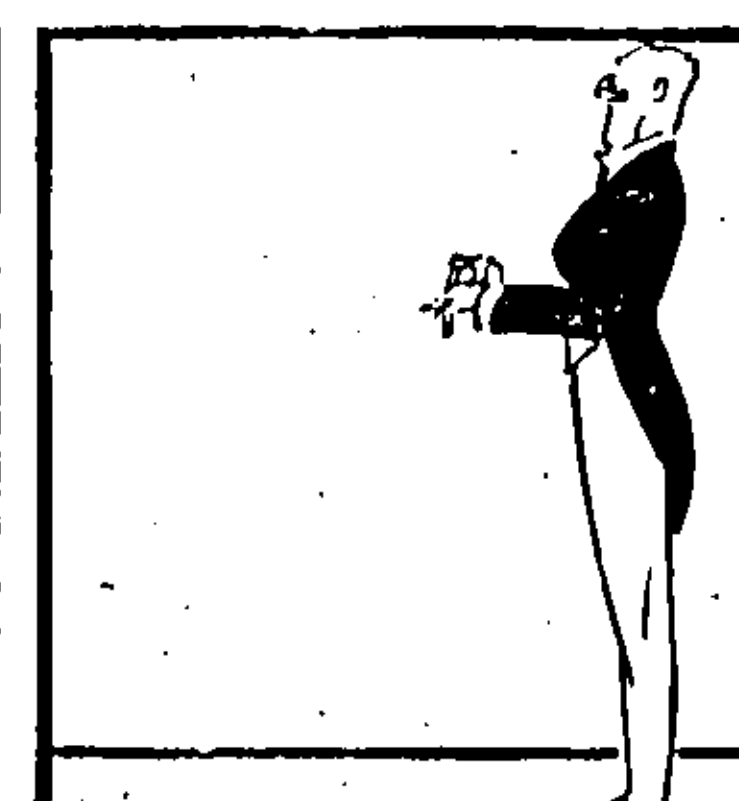
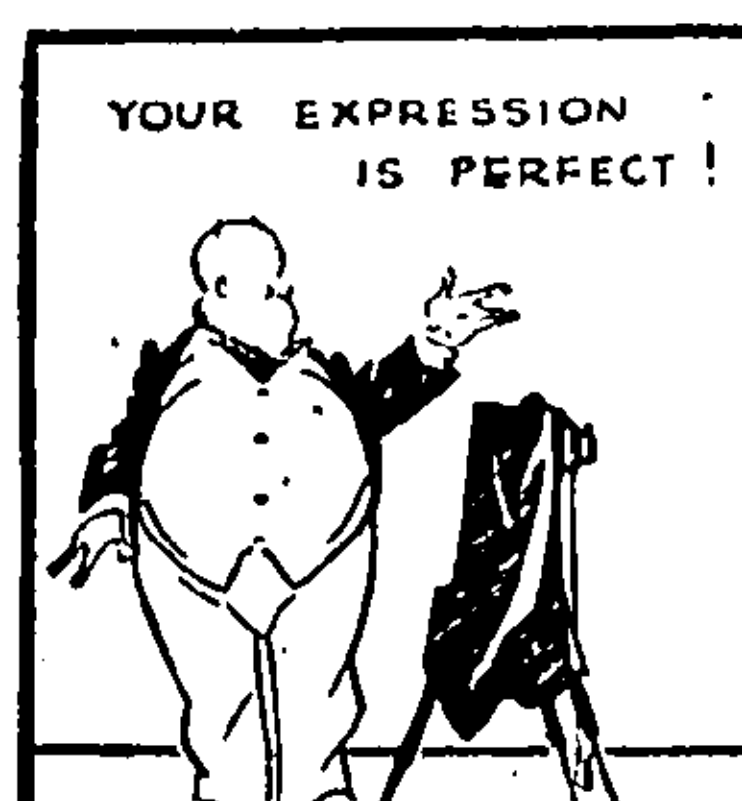
Dr. Julius Van Royen, Chief Netherlands delegate, who made the recent agreements with the Republicans, before leaving for The Hague conference, emphasised the importance of the effectiveness of the cease fire.

It might, he said, determine the attitude of the Dutch Parliament to whatever agreement is reached at the round table conference.

There is the highest confidence that the cease fire will be loyally observed under the Republic's Premier, Dr. Mohammad Hatta, who was responsible for last year's evacuation of the Republican Army from the Dutch seized areas.—Reuter.

New Delhi, August 9.
Official sources said that the Government of India is negotiating a treaty of friendship and commerce with the independent Kingdom of Nepal, which is expected to be completed this month.—Associated Press.

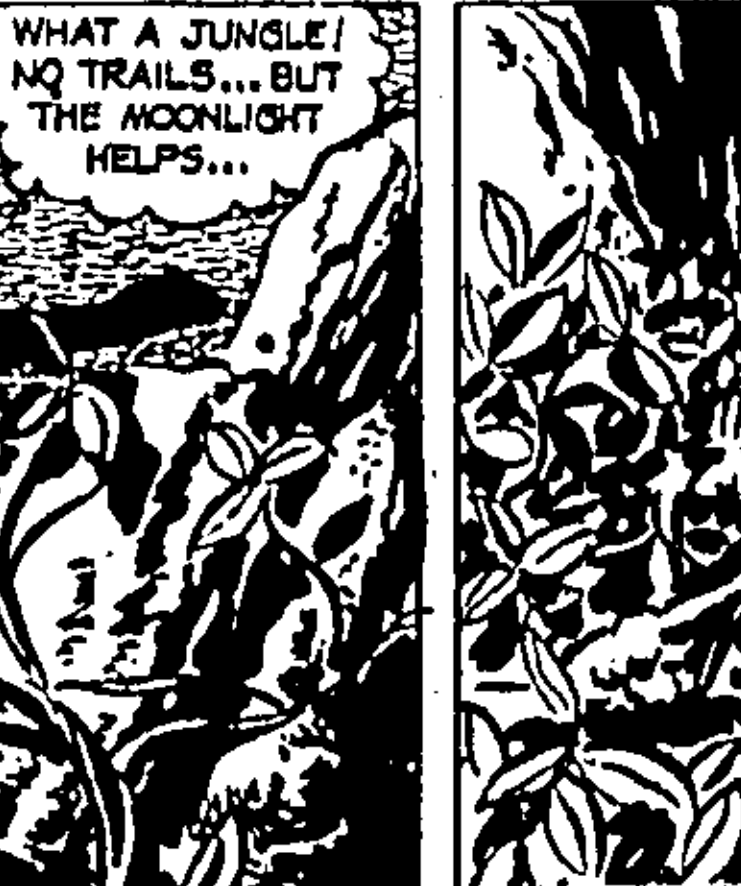
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SLAUGHTER ALLEGED OF NATIVE REBELS

Newhaven, Connecticut, August 8.

Dr. Liston Pope, Dean of Yale University Divinity School, tonight quoted Madagascan as saying that 60,000 of their number were "slaughtered" last year by French Colonial troops in the repression of a revolt.

Dr. Pope, a world authority on race relations, was sent to Africa five months ago by the Julius Rosenwald Foundation and the Phelps Stokes Fund.

SEANCE TO SOLVE MURDER!

Baltimore, Maryland, August 9.

A close friend of a 55-year-old spiritualist found strangled to death said today that she would attempt to contact the victim tonight.

The police, despite their professed disbelief in the spirit world, will stand by at the home of Mrs. M. A. Giffeland when she tries to get a lead through the medium ritual in the slaying of Mrs. Emma Kefalos.

Mrs. Kefalos, an electric cord twisted tightly around her throat, was found beside her crystal ball on Monday night. Her hands and feet were bound with clothes lines and her face was badly beaten.

Despite the contentions of other spiritualists, that it is too early to attempt contact with the slain woman, Mrs. Giffeland said a seance may help to find the killer. She said: "I am certainly going to do everything I can to help solve this mystery."

She said that seances are ordinarily performed with a group of people present but when trying to reach a murdered person, it is best to work alone.

She said if she was unable to contact the slain woman, she will try to reach "the victim's husband." Mrs. Giffeland said the victim's husband had since his death warned his widow that she was in danger.

She added: "She showed me a tall slender man who was after her. I told her about the warning last week and asked her to move to a different part of the city." — United Press.

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12.52 p.m.—"From the Films".

1.00 p.m.—Tangoes and Waltzes.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Orchestra of the Week".

1.35 p.m.—Royal Opera House Orchestra.

1.40 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling" Programme Summary.

6.02 p.m.—Children's Story: "A Winter Holiday" by Arthur Ransome.

6.05 p.m.—"Grand Hotel", Albert Sandberg and the Palm Court Orchestra with Frederick Harvey (Baritone).

(H.K.T.)

7.00 p.m.—"Your Hit Parade" Presented by "The Voice of America".

7.30 p.m.—La Domini-House Française.

8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

8.30 p.m.—"ITMA" Final Broadcast of the famous comedian Tommy Handley and His Popular Company (H.K.T.).

9.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.15 p.m.—"World Theatre", John Gielgud in "The Family Reunion" by T.S. Eliot (H.K.T.).

10.12 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade", A Programme of Continuous Music.

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Summary of News.

11.20 p.m.—Close Down.

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7.10 a.m.—Up With the Sun.

7.15 a.m.—Setting Up Exercises.

7.30 a.m.—Musical Clock.

7.45 a.m.—The Harmon Lighter Programme.

8.00 a.m.—News and Weather Forecast.

8.15 a.m.—Olympic Motors Programme.

8.30 a.m.—Good Morning.

9.00 a.m.—Thursday's Music.

10.00 a.m.—Morning Melody.

11.00 a.m.—Music For All.

12.00 p.m.—Song Of The Islands.

12.15 p.m.—Tune Time.

12.30 p.m.—Interval Signal.

12.35 p.m.—From The Films.

1.00 p.m.—Light Variety.

1.15 p.m.—News.

1.30 p.m.—Orchestra Of The Week.

1.50 p.m.—Variety Calls The Tune.

2.15 p.m.—Music To Suit Your Taste.

4.10 p.m.—Tropicans.

4.30 p.m.—Vocally Yours.

5.00 p.m.—Music Makers.

5.15 p.m.—Children's Corner.

5.30 p.m.—Memories Of Yesterday.

6.00 p.m.—Louis Jordan Orchestra.

6.15 p.m.—Light Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—Listen To Lebert (Gilman).

7.15 p.m.—Smile Again (France).

7.30 p.m.—The Quintet Programme "The Story Of Flight".

7.45 p.m.—The Super-Cola Programme.

8.00 p.m.—B.B.C. World News.

10.10 p.m.—Local News.

10.15 p.m.—Light Music.

10.30 p.m.—Thursday Serenade.

11.00 p.m.—Standard.

11.15 p.m.—Soft Lights And Sweet Music.

Midnight—Close Down.

French Policy In Middle East

Stockholm, August 9.

France has been supplying Syria and the Lebanon with arms during the past few years, but had not admitted it officially for understandable reasons, the Swedish Liberal evening newspaper "Expressen" said today.

France is trying to regain her interests in the Near East and brisk diplomatic activity can be expected round the Mediterranean until the United Nations settles the future of Italy's former colonies, the newspaper added.

Syria and the Lebanon had been incorporated in the franc area recently, and thanks to the increased stability of the currency considerable sums had been invested in cultural objects through which the French had again become the great cultural language of the Levant, the newspaper said.

France is becoming more usual in the schools and much money has been spent on French language newspapers and magazines, it added.

The newspaper said: "French interests are at stake for as Tripoli and to the whole of the former Italian colonial empire in North Africa."

"France supports Italy's claim for a United Nations mandate over Tripoli because what she fears more than anything else is an independent Tripoli or a Tripoli under British control."

Arab influence would stretch out to France's possessions in North Africa—worst of all from the French standpoint—and could lead to disturbances in Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

"The British believe Italy's former colonies should be placed under the common administration of all the Powers having colonial interests in Africa so that Russia gets no word in the matter as would happen, for example, under a United Nations mandate," the newspaper concluded.—Reuter.

London Exchange Recovers

London, August 10.

Speculative buying put the brakes on a slide in British Government bonds which has wiped out £500,000,000 in quoted values in three weeks.

Meanwhile, the "Financial Times" said the situation threatens to impair the Government's credit and confidence in Britain abroad. The publication added that some kind of quick positive action from the Treasury is needed.

The Treasury had no official comment on the market collapse. Most Government issues closed unchanged or slightly higher. Financial Times index of London stocks was 102.1, off 1.—Associated Press.

Release Of ECA Funds To France

Paris, August 9.

The Economic Co-operation Administration has agreed to advance to the French Government 30 milliard francs (about £27,400,000) of the Marshall Aid counter-part funds, the French Finance Ministry announced today.

The counter-part funds are derived from the sale by the French Government of Marshall Aid goods and are released from time to time by agreement between France and the United States to finance French reconstruction projects.

The object of the advance is to prevent a hold-up in financing French reconstruction at a time of the year when Treasury receipts undergo a seasonal fall.

It will be used to maintain the present rate of reconstruction in coal mines, electricity plants and other industrial projects. Part of the counter-part funds will be used to cover the operating deficits on the French nationalised railways, a United States Embassy official said.—Reuter.

NEW ECA GRANTS

Washington, August 9.

Korea today was granted \$570,000 by the U.S. Economic Co-operation Administration to purchase \$500,000 worth of Japanese textile products, with the balance for non-metallic minerals and industrial chemicals from the U.S. The allocation was included in \$46,710,000 in new spending approved by ECA.

Eleven European countries and Western Germany in addition to Korea shared in the grants.—Associated Press.

PRIEST'S TRIAL

Warsaw, August 9.

The trial of a Catholic priest, Father Wladyslaw Gurgacz, who is alleged to have led an illegal underground army of Polish independence, opened today in the Krakow district military court.

The illegal "army" was slated to have made armed raids against State institutions in Southern Poland. The prosecutor said that Father Gurgacz had recruited young peasants for the "army" with promises of material and religious reward.—Reuter.

Twenty Years Without A Patient

Bury, August 9.

Some people are saying it is about time nearby Almsworth Smallpox Hospital is turned into a children's holiday home.

The hospital has 50 beds and costs £2,000 a year to keep up. It is kept constantly ready for patients. But in the last 20 years not a single patient has shown up.—Associated Press.

TRAVEL HIT BY STRIKE

Paris, August 9.

Butlers, sandwich hawkers and sellers of paper pillows did a roaring trade at most French railway stations today as train passengers, denied sleeping or dining cars by a strike of attendants, tried to ease their discomfort.

The train services were beginning to feel the full effect of the decision by the staff of the International Wagon-Lits (Sleeping Car) Company to strike for increased wages.

The travellers most severely affected were those on long journeys passing through different countries. Without the local currencies necessary to buy buffet snacks.

Travellers on all train routes from Britain to the Continent were advised to bring snacks and drinks with them.

About 2,000 of the strikers gathered in front of the Labour Exchange today where union leaders, representing both the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (CGT) and the non-Communist Force Ouvriere, called on them to fight until victory for higher wages.—Reuter.

INDUSTRY IN SOVIET RUSSIA

Moscow, August 9.

Soviet industry is fast approaching its average daily output target for 1950—the last year of the first post-war five-year plan—the official Soviet news agency, Tass, reported today.

In June, the gross output topped the average level of 1949 by 41 per cent, the report added.—Reuter.

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"RIJNKERK"	End Sept.	Early Sept.
"RIJNKERK"	End Oct.	Early Oct.

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"RIJNKERK"	20th Aug.	End Aug.
"RIJNKERK"	Early Sept.	End Sept.

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London, August 9.
The British Government is to guarantee to efficient Commonwealth sugar producers, markets for agreed tonnages at reasonably remunerative prices, it was announced tonight.
The Colonial Office said that the long-term arrangements would include negotiations with the producers to fix the reasonably remunerative prices.

The announcement that the Government would give these firm assurances to producers, followed talks just ended with representatives of the British West Indies Sugar Association and the Jamaican Government.
Before the arrangements can be completed, representatives of the Commonwealth producers will be consulted in the autumn, the Colonial Office said.
West Indian representatives will be included in these discussions.
Referring to the West Indian delegations' call for a 10-year purchasing plan, the announcement said:

UK Policy
"While appreciating this view, His Majesty's Government regarded the period of the agreement as a point to be covered in the negotiations in the autumn."
The British Government's declared policy is to maintain and improve the economy of the Colonial territories and where, as in the British West Indies, sugar production is the main and indispensable basis of a healthy economy, this will be given special consideration in fixing the quantities of sugar to be covered by these arrangements.
Treasury and Food Ministry representatives joined Colonial Office experts in the talks with the West Indian delegates, who included Mr. Alexander Bustamante, Jamaican Communications Minister, and Labour Party leader.—Reuter.

No Crisis, Only A Recession

Geneva, August 9.
Mr. B. P. Adarkar, head of the Economic Department of the Indian External Affairs Ministry, told the 18-nation United Nations Economic and Social Council today that there is no world economic crisis but only a moderate recession.
Replying to a Polish statement yesterday that artificial post-war prosperity in India has come to an end, Mr. Adarkar commented: "The statement is only true in that there is a moderate world-wide recession. It means that the economic situation of India has taken a downturn, it is wrong."
"Our industrial production is increasing from month to month, although we have not yet reached our interim targets."
He added that, in spite of balance of payments difficulties, India has no serious unemployment or starvation problem as alleged by the Polish delegation.—Reuter.

INDIAN SHIP LAUNCHED

Bombay, August 9.
Amid the chanting of hymns and the breaking of coconuts by priests in a traditional Hindu custom, the 8,000-ton Jalapra-kash, the third Indian-built ocean-going ship, was launched here today.
The launching ceremony was performed by Dr. C. A. Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University. The Jalapra-kash will sail on the India-Europe route.—Reuter.

EGYPT'S BUDGET

Cairo, August 9.
The Egyptian Senate tonight endorsed the Chamber of Deputies' approval of a record State budget, expenditure which has been estimated at £187 million, including £52 million for the armed forces. The estimated deficit of £29 million will be covered partly from reserves and partly by floating a new loan.
The Senate and the Chamber of Deputies have adjourned.—Reuter.

NEW AIR ROUTE TO FAR EAST

New Delhi, August 9.
India and Norway are to begin talks on an air agreement here later this month.
Norway intends starting a Far Eastern air service, and is seeking landing facilities in India.—Reuter.

SHELL FINED

Buenos Aires, August 9.
The British oil company, Shell Mex (Argentina) Limited, was today fined £1,400,000, plus £275,000 by a Presidential decree for an alleged violation of the exchange regulations.—Reuter.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, August 10.
The stock market lost ground after a two day rally.

Prices fell by fractions to around a point among the leaders while the total volume contracted to 1,140,000 shares. The decline in trading as prices eased off was considered an indication of resistance to selling.

Rails and utilities on the whole lagged behind the rest of the market in the decline, with a number unchanged.

Nickel Plate was up around five points at one time. Others gaining included Canadian Pacific and International Paper. On the down side were Union Carbide, U. S. Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Kennecott, Westinghouse, Sears Roebuck, General Motors and Studebaker.

Dow Jones averages—Stocks 64.27, 20 Industrials 179.52, 15 Rails 47.31, 10 Utilities 36.69.

Adams Express 19 1/2
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American Can 9 1/2
American Smelting 48
American Telephone 144
American Tobacco 70 1/2
American Waterworks 75 1/2
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Union Carbide 40
US Rubber 34 1/2
US Steel 23 1/2
US Lines 15 1/2
Westinghouse 25
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 64 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 14 1/2
—Associated Press.

Trade With Red China

San Francisco, August 9.
The Communist Peiping Radio said tonight that the exchange of goods between Manchuria and other parts of Communist-held China is increasing.
It said that the total volume of trade between Manchuria and other areas of "liberated" China amounted to more than 1.1 trillion Communist dollars from May 1 to mid-July.
Over 88 per cent of this trade was with North China, and over 63 per cent of it was handled by private merchants, the Radio added.
The broadcast reported that 400,000 refugees had left Shanghai for the countryside to engage in productive work.

The radio said this was one of the steps taken to "smash the blockade" of Shanghai imposed by the Nationalists. This movement of people, the Radio added, was also aimed at solving overcrowded conditions in the city.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN WOOD FOR BRITAIN

London, August 9.
Contracts under which Soviet Russia will supply Britain with about 100,000 standards of softwood have been concluded here by representatives of the two countries.
The Board of Trade announced that shipping will begin almost immediately and that the total amount may be delivered before negotiation closes this year.
Prices are lower than those paid last year.
The supplies will include 12,500 standards of red-wood and 6,000 standards of white-wood from the Soviet zone of Germany.—Reuter.

NY COTTON

New York, August 10.
Cotton futures moved lower under light pressure of liquidation and hedging. Futures closed 15 to 60 cents lower.
October 29.74-75.
December 29.74.
March 29.74.
May 29.65 bid.
July 29.07-10.
October 27.23.
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Associated Press.

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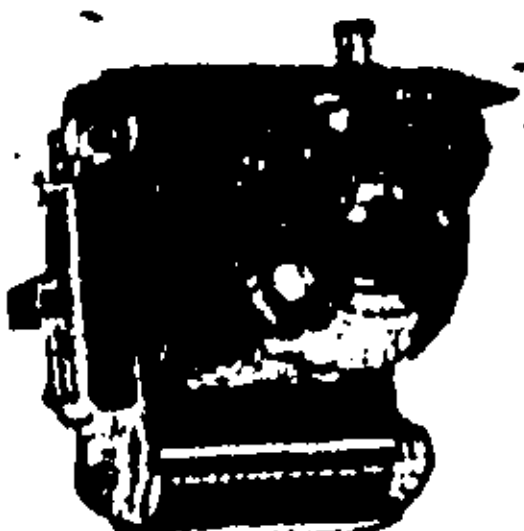
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TOURISTS SCORE 115 FOR TWO VS. ESSEX

Southend-on-Sea, August 10.
The New Zealand cricketers met Essex here today in fine weather and on a good wicket and the tourists, winning the toss, took first innings and by lunch time had compiled 115 runs for two wickets.

Mistakes in the field proved costly to Essex, both Scott and Sutcliffe being missed before 25 runs appeared. Essex were resting Trevor Bailey, the England fast bowler in view of Saturday's Test match and neither Pullinger nor Ray Smith, two other pace men, could extract any life out of a green pitch.

KIWIS PLAY OUT TIME AGAINST NOTTS

Nottingham, August 9.
Set to score 224 runs in 130 minutes to beat Nottingham today the New Zealand cricketers ran into trouble. The match ended in a draw and a curiosity was that only four wickets fell in each of the four innings, three of which were declared closed.

The touring side declared at their overnight total and in three and a half hours Nottinghamshire scored 229 for four before they, for the second time in the match, declared.

Poole, with 67 in 110 minutes, was the chief contributor to that total, he and Harris netting 177 for the fourth wicket. The off-drive most productive, but was missed at 44 when the bowler, Burtt, failed to accept a return catch.

Poole reached 50 in 95 minutes, but was out to a smart catch at mid-off, having hit nine boundaries.

The County continued for an hour after and then declared. Real excitement then began for the New Zealanders obviously intended to go for the runs.

They needed 103 runs an hour and the captain, Hadlee, hit the first ball from Jepson through the covers for four. He tried to repeat the stroke off the next ball, but was caught behind the wicket. Smith hit hard to score 26 in 20 minutes, but was then out to a Jepson Yorker.

For the addition of only one run Had was left before to Jepson and three men were out for 89.

This caused Wallace and Mooney to exercise caution, but Mooney was tempted down the pitch by Harvey, missed and Meads stamped him four for 67.

Wallace was joined by Rabone and this pair played out time Wallace being unbeaten with 64 runs to his credit.

The final scoreboard read: Nottinghamshire: 1st Innings 329 for 4 declared.

Keston & Burke	41
Simpson & c & Burke	45
Poole & Hadlee & Cresswell	57
Hardstaff & Burtt & Burke	16
Harris not out	37
Stocks not out	23
Extras	9
Total (for four)	229

New Zealand: 1st Innings 329 for 4 declared.

Hadlee & Meads & Jepson	4
Reid & b & Jepson	9
Smith & b Jepson	9
Wallace not out	6
Mooney & Meads & Harvey	4
Rabone not out	1
Extras	1
Total (for four)	107

—Reuter.

TENNIS VETERAN GIVES IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE

Eastbourne, Surrey, August 9.
Basil Lawrence, the West-ern Area coach of the Lawn Tennis Association and holder of the veterans' championship ever since the war—he is 56—gave one of the most impressive displays in the professional lawn tennis championship which was continued here today.

He was one of the eight players who qualified to join the championship proper, which starts tomorrow. Lawrence beat his doubles partner, S. Evans, by 6-4 and 7-5 to qualify.

As an amateur Lawrence was a Cambridge Blue.

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Hong Kong Hockey Club Revived

The Hong Kong Hockey Club, which first came into existence in 1900, but has not been functioning since 1941, was revived at a meeting of hockey enthusiasts yesterday.

Lieutenant Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, who has always been a keen follower of the game and has done much towards popularizing it in the Colony, was unanimously elected President of the newly resurrected Club.

Mr. A. A. Dand, who was in the Chair and who was with Mr. Harry Owen Hughes, elected Vice-President of the Club, said that although the Club was a civilian club, Servicemen would be most welcome.

Mr. Dand said that the question of reviving the Club was brought up by Colonel Mitchell, who was largely responsible for re-starting the Club in 1919, after its activities had been interrupted by World War I.

It was decided yesterday that the entrance fee should be \$10 and that each playing member should contribute the sum of \$1 towards the funds of the Club.

It was also decided to write to the Hong Kong Hockey Association for re-admission to that Association.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell (President); Messrs. Harry Owen Hughes and A. A. Dand (Vice Presidents); Mr. A. Frazer (Hon. Secretary); Mr. G. E. Ferrier (Treasurer); Mr. S. A. Fowler (Captain) and P. O. Heptonstall, Messrs. J. D. Johnson and E. Bycroft (Committee Members).

A meeting of the Committee will be held on August 25, at 5.30 p.m. on the 3rd floor, P. & O. Building.

New Zealand First Innings	
Sutcliffe, not out	57
Scott, b Peter Smith	20
Reid, b Ray Smith	4
Hadlee, not out	22
Extras	1
Total (for two)	115

—Reuter.

Cheong To Meet Lopes In Swimming Gala

(By KIMBERLEY)

What may yet be the most thrilling swim event this year to precede the Colony Championships is the return gala between VRC and Eastern now planned for August 20, with Eastern's swim pride Cheong Kin-man pitted against VRC's Tony Lopes in the 100 yards back stroke, and Sonny Monteiro in the 100 yards free style.

This meet, which has been anxiously awaited since young Cheong surprised Lopes on June 18 when they first met, was originally arranged for August 18. Due to Cheong's recent illness, however, the event has been postponed to Saturday week.

The meet will be doubly important, for the swimming public is in conflicting opinion as to whether or not Lopes has had his day where the 100-yard back stroke is concerned.

Cheong swimming better each time he plunges in for the 100-free distance, interest has also developed to bring VRC's Sonny Monteiro (and title holder for the 100-free) into the picture.

At his best this year, Sonny clocked 58 flat, never lower than that. Cheong's first this year was 63.2 seconds for the 100 metres when he swan the distance during the school swim meet in early June.

The lad was later seen in progressing form, doing the 100-yard distance on three separate occasions in 57.2, 58 and 57.8, all of which either solo or with-out competition.

But the highlight of the meet planned for August 20 will undoubtedly be the 100 yards back stroke, with Tony Lopes, the champion, against Cheong Kin-man, the challenger.

Lopes, during the past week, has been busy studying and taking practical advice from Sue Zimmerman, the United States back stroke champion and Olympic silver medalist, who is in the Colony with the Bitter swim show.

Lopes declined to comment upon his subsequent meeting with Cheong when I saw him yesterday. "The kid's good," was all he wanted to say.

Another event of some interest will be the 50 yards free style, with William To, of Eastern, in

50-Yard Event

Eastern's mainstay, as was proven in their friendly game against VRC, is W. C. Woo, their captain, and the best in the Colony today. Their forward line includes the versatile Cheong Kin-man who is the team's top scorer.

Eastern plays the YMCA tonight in the Ritz Pool, and the game should be interesting.

Charles Favoured To Beat Lesnevich

New York, August 9.

Ezzard Charles is expected to enter the ring a firm favourite to defeat Gus Lesnevich, former light heavyweight champion, in their 15-rounds contest for the National Boxing Association's version of the world heavyweight championship at the Yankee Stadium tomorrow night.

Charles, who won the title less than two months ago when he defeated Jersey Joe Walcott in Chicago on June 22, is regarded as the title holder everywhere in America except in New York State.

Royal Navy Lose Team Race (By "MAINSHEET BLOCK")

After a most successful dance on Saturday, the Team Race between the Royal Navy and the Yacht Club was sailed in a fine breeze on Sunday. Each team was composed of Dinghies, Redwings, Stars and Jubilees, starting together and sailing different courses to one finishing line.

In the morning race from "Celtic Island to HMS Belfast, there was no escape of individual boats at the start, the whole fleet of 38 sailing together across the harbour.

The classes then reported to various marks and on meeting for the final run the Dinghies had worked into a commanding position and three crossed the line first.

In the afternoon in a stronger breeze the race was closer and a Star just managed to beat a Dinghy to the line.

On the aggregate points for both races the Club team beat the Royal Navy by 543 to 384.

After the race Mrs. Madden kindly presented the trophy given by the RNSA to St. J. Corbett the captain of the Club team.

Ladies' Dinghy Races will be held next Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, having been postponed from the end of July.

Last week's results were:—

TEAM RACE—ROYAL NAVY V YACHT CLUB

First Race in Morning, August 7

Position	Helmsman	Time	Points
1	Corbett	1.0.25	0 24
2	Spencer-Cooper	1.1.02	0 24
3	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
4	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
5	Purser	1.2.46	0 24
6	Bromley Martin	1.2.46	0 24
7	Yarlett	1.2.46	0 24
8	Dubois	1.2.46	0 24
9	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
10	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
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32	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
33	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
34	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
35	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
36	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
37	Norman	1.2.46	0 24
38	Norman	1.2.46	0 24

Second Race in Afternoon, August 7

Position	Helmsman	Time	Points
1	Mallory	1.24.21	0 24
2	Corbett	1.25.20	0 24
3	Norman	1.25.20	0 24
4	Darby	1.25.20	0 24
5	Fox	1.25.20	0 24
6	Bromley Martin	1.25.20	0 24
7	Norman	1.25.20	0 24
8	Norman	1.25.20	0 24
9	Yarlett	1.25.20	0 24
10	Norman	1.25.20	0 24
11	Norman	1.25.20	0 24
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35	Norman	1.25.20	0 24
36	Norman	1.25.20	0 24
37	Norman	1.25.20	0 24
38	Norman	1.25.20	0 24

11th Star Series Race—Saturday, August 6

Position	Helmsman	Time	Points
1st	Corbett	1.0.25	(00)
2nd	Norman	1.0.25	(00)
3rd	Norman	1.0.25	(00)
4th	Norman	1.0.25	(00)
5th	Norman	1.0.25	(00)
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15th Dinghy Series Race—Saturday, August 6

Position	Helmsman	Time	Points
1st	Corbett	1.0.25	(00)
2nd	Norman	1.0.25	(00)
3rd	Norman	1.0.25	(00)
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Worcester Join Middlesex At The Head Of County Table

London, August 9.

Worcestershire's good win over Hampshire today, coupled with the defeat of Middlesex in their vital match against Surrey, enabled them to join Middlesex at the head of the County Cricket championship table. Each has 140 points, but Worcestershire have a match in hand, having played 20 to Middlesex's 21.